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Preface and Credits

The search for the descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland was started by Franklyn Howland who compiled what he called *A Brief Genealogical and Biographical History of Arthur, Henry and John Howland, and their Descendants of the United States and Canada*, which was published by the author in New Bedford, Mass., in 1885. While it contains many errors, it is the basis for all serious work on the families of John Howland and his two older brothers, Henry and Arthur, who came to America several years later.

Following the organization of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in 1897, George Ernest Bowman corrected many of Franklyn Howland's errors when he transcribed some of the vital records, cemetery records, probate records and deeds relating to the early Pilgrims, in the thirty-four volumes of *The Mayflower Descendant*. Publication of this journal was started in 1899 by the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, Boston, Mass. In 1956 Hubert Kinney Shaw gathered together the work of Franklyn Howland and George Bowman and compiled a sketchy report on John Howland's family, along with short genealogies of the other *Mayflower* passengers. This was published as *Families of the Pilgrims*. This book corrected some errors but added others.

In 1959 the General Society of Mayflower Descendants began its effort to publish a documented account of the descendants of *Mayflower* passengers for five generations, known as "The Five Generations Project." Around 1966, as part of that project, Harold H. Howland of Washington, D.C., started to collect a great deal of information about the descendants of John Howland which he found in published genealogies in the Library of Congress and in the DAR Library in Washington. Around 1972, before he passed away, his work, in the form of family group sheets, was sent to Lucy Mary Kellogg, F.A.S.G., then editor of the Five Generations Project. Under her guidance, much of the material was typed into brief family groups. However, the references were almost entirely from undocumented family genealogies, resulting in many errors and misidentifications.

A few years earlier, in 1970, Mardenna J. Hunter of Indianapolis, Indiana, published *The Family of John Howland, Mayflower Passenger, Five Generations*, which is a good outline of John Howland's descendants but has no documentation and, as with the other work, has many errors.

In the spring of 1975, Robert Moody Sherman, F.A.S.G., who had become chairman and editor of the Five Generations Project after the death of Lucy Mary Kellogg, asked me to complete the John Howland project which at that time was expected to fill only one volume. To ensure the accuracy of the work, I was asked to document the early material, and all subsequent work, by locating probate records and deeds in county courthouses and probate districts, and to search for vital records of births, marriages and deaths in town hall, cemetery and church records. In this way errors in the previous works have been found and corrected. Many families, especially in the female branches, had not been identified at all, even as early as the third generation. Different men with the same name had been given duplicate families. These, too, had to be searched for, corrected and completed. The families of the fifth generation had to be added and documented, since it was decided, after Harold Howland had completed his work, that the fifth generation should include, in addition to the marriages, the names, places and dates of birth of the resulting children. This added a tremendous amount of work to that already done.

The descendants of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland's eldest son, John[2] Howland and his wife, Mary Lee, was the first section I was asked to work on. Several friends on the Genealogy Projects Committee of the Winnetka, Ill., Public Library who had taken my course in genealogy at the New Trier Adult Education Extension, offered to help with the documentation. Thus the Howland Committee in 1975-76 was composed of E. Virginia Hunt, C.G., and Roberta H. Johnson, both of whom continued to help for many years, Harriet Woodbury Hodge, C.G., who soon took over the John Billington Family for the Five Generations Project, and Barbara Garrison, Mary Schumacher, June Magnussen, Betsy N. East, Virginia A. Munson and Hazel Kraft Eilers, C.G. Soon, in response to a plea for help, Roberta Gilbert Bratti, C.G., of Hyannis, Mass., agreed to go to the Barnstable County courthouse for probate records and to the Barnstable Town Hall for birth, marriage and death records. Roberta Bratti has continued to help with the Howlands ever since. Later, in 1977-78, Maclean W. McLean, F.A.S.G., the well-known specialist in Sandwich and Barnstable families, contributed his excellent work on the Cape Cod descendants of Hope[2] Howland, his ancestress, who married Captain John Chipman.

By 1978, the year I was asked to become editor of *The Mayflower Quarterly*, it had become clear that the Howland family would fill at least two volumes. We then concentrated on the five oldest children, starting with Desire[2] Howland who married Captain John Gorham. To assist in the work, Dr. James B. Bell of the New England Historic Genealogical

Society, in Boston, Mass., thoughtfully allowed me to photocopy the first two volumes of "The Gorham Family," compiled from 1932 to 1943 by Henry S. Gorham of Noroton, Connecticut. The Gorham Manuscript was then on the shelves of The Society in loose-leaf notebooks but has now been bound into 28 volumes. This is an excellent piece of work but it needed to be documented with vital records, probates and deeds. Errors had to be corrected and unfinished families had to be searched for and completed.

By 1982 it became apparent that John Howland's family would fill at least four volumes, and that the first volume would be completely filled by Desire[2] (Howland) Gorham's descendants. A typescript copy of the descendants of the second child, John[2] Howland's family, was given confidentially to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in 1982, and will be published by Picton Press as part of the second volume of John Howland's descendants. The second volume will probably also include the family of the youngest son, Isaac[2] Howland, and his wife, Elizabeth Vaughn, because several of their grandchildren intermarried with the descendants of John[2] and Mary (Lee) Howland. The descendants of the third child, Hope[2] Howland and her husband, Captain John Chipman, which contains the work on the Sandwich families contributed by Maclean W. McLean, F.A.S.G., will fill the third volume. If there is room, the descendants of the fourth child, Elizabeth[2] Howland and her second husband, Capt. John Dickenson, on which the basic work was done by E. Virginia Hunt, C.G., may appear in the second volume. The remaining children, Lydia who married James Brown, Hannah who married John Bosworth, Joseph who married Elizabeth Southworth, Jabez who married Bethiah Thacher, and Ruth who was the first wife of Thomas Cushman, will eventually appear, if the demand warrants the effort.

The main genealogists who have assisted in this research are Roberta Gilbert Bratti, C.G., of Hyannis, Mass., who has gone to the Barnstable County Courthouse and to the Yarmouth and Barnstable Town Halls since 1975 looking for probate records and for the vital records of birth, marriage and death for innumerable Howland descendants; Edwin W. Coles of Studio City, California, who has made several trips to Salt Lake City since 1986 to locate wills and deeds more quickly at the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, in addition to spending thousands of hours in the Los Angeles Family History Center Library, going through hundreds of reels of microfilm, hour after hour, looking for proof to validate more John Howland lineages; the late H. L. Peter Rounds, C.G., of Riverside, Calif., compiler of two volumes of *Bristol County, Mass., Probate Records*, and winner of the Jacobus Award

for his *John Round Family of Swansea and Rehoboth, Mass.*, who searched microfilmed court records for Stonington, Conn., and Bristol, Charlestown and Westerly, Rhode Island families; Barbara Lambert Merrick of Pembroke, Mass., former Historian General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, for her work on Plymouth and Bristol families and for her unfailing help and support; Marilyn Randall Landry of Willimantic, Conn., who searched for records in the town halls and probate districts of northeastern Connecticut; Kendall P. Hayward of Glastonbury, Conn., historian of the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants, who searched for eastern Connecticut families at the Connecticut Historical Society and the Connecticut State Library; Winfield Scott Weer, now of Lima, Pa., former officer of the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and the Cape May Historical and Genealogical Society, and historian of the Pennsylvania Society of Mayflower Descendants who searched New Jersey and Pennsylvania records; and Ralph V. Wood, Jr., C.G., of Cambridge, Mass., researcher and compiler of the completely documented *Francis Cooke of the Mayflower: Four Generations*, published privately in 1986, and *Plymouth County, Massachusetts, Probate Index, 1686-1881*, published by Picton Press in 1988, who searched for Plymouth and Suffolk County court records.

In addition to those mentioned above, other researchers who have contributed material are Dr. Dixon A. Barr, Gloria Christensen, Dorothy Quinby Davis, David C. Dearborn, F.A.S.G., Jane F. Fiske, F.A.S.G., Isaac C. Foster, Beryla Gorham, Dr. Robert E. Howland [for John^2], Lt. Col. Robert F. Kirkpatrick, USAF (Ret.), Eloise C. Mann, Barbara Murphy, Gerald J. Parsons, F.A.S.G., Gary Boyd Roberts, Jean Rumsey, F.A.S.G., George Ely Russell, C.G., F.A.S.G., F.N.G.S., Robert M. Sherman, F.A.S.G., Ethel Farrington Smith, C.G., Bonny Stover [for John^2], Eugene A. Stratton, F.A.S.G., Edith Bates Thomas (for Hope^2), Bruce D. Thompson, Ruth Berg Walsh [for John^2], and George Ronald White.

Research in the Chicago area was made possible by the superb resources of The Newberry Library, located on Chicago's near north side. The unusually fine genealogy section of the Winnetka Public Library was invaluable in compiling this work. Other outstanding libraries used were the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass., the Sturgis Library, Barnstable, Mass., the Fairfield Historical Society, Fairfield, Conn., the Connecticut State Library and the Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Conn., the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, in Salt Lake City, and its branches in Los Angeles, Calif., and Wilmette, Ill., the Library of Congress and DAR Library, Washington, D.C., and the Essex Historical Society, Salem, Mass. The help of the Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendants is gratefully

acknowledged for its continued donations of funds to the genealogy section of the Winnetka Public Library to purchase materials needed for New England and Mayflower research.

In 1986 the chairman of the General Society of Mayflower Descendant's Five Generations Project decided to publish pamphlets containing condensed versions covering four generations of "Mayflower Families In Progress." Since that format was incompatible with the completely documented work that I and my friends have done on the descendants of John Howland, it was agreed that my husband and I would publish the Howland volumes personally. When Lewis Bunker Rohrbach, C.G., of Picton Press, Camden, Maine, offered to publish and index *John Howland of the Mayflower For Five Generations*, we were pleased to accept his offer. Mr. Rohrbach is well-known for the excellent quality of the books he has edited and published, in addition to his authorship of the three volume *Rohrbach Genealogy* (1970, 1977, 1982) covering several Rohrbach families, and his recent *Höffelbauer Genealogy*. He has also indexed and published *Boston Taxpayers in 1821*, as well as the important *Note-Book Kept by Thomas Lechford, Esq., of Boston, 1638-1641*, with his new Introduction and Index, which sheds a great deal of light on the inhabitants of early Boston.

Finally, credit must be given to my husband, Henry G.R. White, whose efforts "to get the Howlands out of the house" have included purchasing two computers — an IBM Displaywriter and printer in 1982 and an improved IBM PS/2 30-286 and Hewlett Packard LaserJet Series II printer in 1989 — in addition to spending long, concentrated hours proof-reading hundreds of pages, over and over again, trying to eliminate typographical errors. He has also drawn the map for the endpapers and the beautiful charts which illustrate some of the families in this book.

My thanks to all of you. This book could not have been completed without you.

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NOTES

Intermarriages

Intermarriages with other Mayflower families have been treated fully when they occur. Intermarriages between descendants of Desire[2] Howland and her husband, Captain John Gorham, have been treated in the first family in which the marriage occurred, whether the person was male or female. If a third generation Howland descendant married a fourth generation descendant, the marriage and the complete account of their children has been placed with the third generation family. When Howland descendants of the same generation intermarried, their account appears under the first spouse to appear in the book, whether male or female — in other words, under the spouse who was the child or grandchild of one of the older brothers or sisters in the family. If a Howland descendant married twice, and one marriage was to another Howland descendant, that family appears under the marriage to the Howland descendant so that all of that person's children by both marriages can appear in one place, without duplication. Cross-references are given, with page numbers, wherever intermarriages occur.

Generation Superscript Numbers

The generations in this book are numbered starting with John Howland of the *Mayflower* as the first progenitor of his descendants studied here. Therefore, the superscript numeral indicating that he is the first generation of his Howland line is placed after his given name and before his surname, in other words, as John[1] Howland. His daughter, Desire[2] Howland, of the second generation, married Captain John Gorham, who is properly called John[1] Gorham when dealing with the Gorham family. However, in this book John Gorham's children, as descendants of John[1] Howland through Desire[2] Howland, are identified as Temperance Gorham[3] and James Gorham[3], etc., with the generation superscript number placed *after* the surname, indicating that it is the John Howland family, not the Gorham family, whose generations are being counted here.

Vital Records

Vital records obtained from published books are italicized, indicating that copies are available in most of the leading genealogical libraries.

Vital records obtained from town halls and unpublished church records, including microfilmed copies, are in roman type, indicating that these records have been obtained from the original sources, not from published books.

Death Dates

The age claimed at death, given on tombstones and in death records, may not always agree with official records of birth and death. Errors are sometimes due to the lettering on tombstones having become worn away, making them difficult to read. Other apparent errors may have been caused by a misunderstanding of the phrase, "in his 60th year." This has sometimes been transcribed as "at 60 years of age," which is erroneous. For instance, a baby is said to be "in his first year" when he is not yet one year of age. A person in his 60th year is 59 years of age. In our work, when the age at death, as given in cemetery or church records, disagreed with a known birth date, the conflicting evidence was considered in conjunction with probate records and deeds and the decision was made to accept the individual as a member of the family, based on a fair evaluation of all of the evidence at hand.

Concerning Quaker Records

Dates before 1752 given for Quaker families in Henry S. Gorham's "The Gorham Family," MS, deposited at The New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass., appear to be erroneous transcriptions of Quaker dates when compared with Quaker records published in the five volumes of *Nantucket Vital Records to 1850* (1925-1928). But the problem seems to be with the published *Nantucket Vital Records*, not with the Gorham MS. For example, Josiah Gorham was born in Barnstable *2 June 1723*, as stated in *The Mayflower Descendant* 33:116, in a transcription of Barnstable Vital Records 2:392, and can be confirmed at the Barnstable Town Hall today. They are in chronological order with other births

registered there. Since Josiah Gorham's birthdate was recorded before the calendar change of 1752, it would translate into Quaker dating as *2d 4th mo. 1723*, not *2d 6th mo. 1723*, as given in the published *Nantucket Vital Records* 2:100. This leads to an important question. Were all of the dates in Nantucket Quaker records before 1752 mistranslated into the figures for modern months when Nantucket's vital records were prepared for publication?

Another case in point is that of Ruth Lovell[5], daughter of James and Abigail (Gorham[4]) Lovell, who was born in Barnstable, Mass., *20 March 1718* [*MD* 33:26; Barnstable VR 2:386]. Ruth married Josiah Clark and lived on Nantucket where they raised their family. The Clarks were Quakers. Ruth died on Nantucket 24th 6th mo. 1803 [*Nantucket VR* 1:214, 115]. While she was actually born in Barnstable, her birth has been recorded in *Nantucket Vital Records* 2:250, as *20th 3d mo. 1718*. Since this date is before the great calendar change of 1752, the correct Quaker date should read *20th 1st mo. 1718*. Apparently, her birth was recorded in Nantucket records after the 1752 calendar change, perhaps from her death record, and the new post-1752 dating system was used. This is misleading and demonstrates some of the errors lurking in the five volumes of *Nantucket Vital Records* as they have been published. To help to clarify these records it would appear that the manuscript of the original Quaker records of Nantucket should be consulted concerning dates for births, marriages and deaths before the calendar change in 1752. These records have been microfilmed and are available at the Family History Centers in many parts of the country, connected with the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah.

It should also be noted that many other births, marriages and deaths which have been recorded as having taken place on Nantucket, actually occurred in Saratoga or Columbia Counties, New York, in Guilford or Randolph Counties, North Carolina, or in Maine or Nova Scotia, or in various towns on Cape Cod. They did not necessarily occur on Nantucket even though they were recorded there with other Nantucket births, marriages and deaths which actually did take place there.

Abbreviations

ab. init., *ab initio*, from the beginning
ad inf., *ad infinitum*, to infinity
ad loc., *ad locum*., at the place
aet., *aetatis*, aged
b., born
bapt., baptism
cem., cemetery
ch., church
co., county
comp., compiler; compiled by
d., died; d.y., died young
dep., deposited
div., division
do., ditto (the same)
ea., each
ed., editor (*pl.* eds.); edition; edited by
e.g., *exempli gratia*, for example
Esq., Esquire
et al., *et alii*, and others
etc., *et cetera*, and so forth
et seq., *et sequentes*, and the following
f., and following; (*pl.* ff)
fams., families
fig., figure
fn., footnote
fol., folio
hist., history
ibid., *ibidem*, in the same place
id., *idem*, the same
i.e., *id est*, that is
liber, book
loc. cit., *loco citato*, in the place
L.R., Land Records
mo., month
MS, manuscript; *pl.* MSS.
N.B., *nota bene*, take careful note
n.d., no date
no., number
n.p., no place; no publisher
n.s., New Style (dates after 14 Sept. 1752); new series
op. cit., *opere citato*, in the work cited
o.s., Old Style (dates before 2 Sept. 1752; old series
p., page; (*pl.* pp.)
prob., probate
prox., *proximo*, next month
pt., part
pub., publication, publisher
q.v., *quod vide*, which see
recs., records
rept., reprint, reprinted
rev., review; revised; revision
R.I.P., *requiescat in pace*; may he/she rest in peace
s.d., *sine die*, without setting a day for reconvening
sec., section
ser., series
sic, exact quotation
s.l., *sine loco*, without place
s.n., *sine anno*, without year; *sub anno*, under a year
sup., above
supp., *or* suppl., supplement
ult., *ultimo*, last month
viz., *videlicet*, namely
vol., volume
VR, vital records
vs. *or* v., *versus*, against
wid., widow
yr., year

The Mayflower Compact
from the ms. of Governor Bradford

... that such an acte by them done (this their condition considered) might be as firme as any patent; and in some respects more sure. The forme was as followeth

In ye name of god, Amen. We whose names are vnderwriten, the loyall subjects of our dread Soueraigne Lord King James by ye grace of god of great Britaine, Franc, & Ireland king, defender of ye faith, & c. Hauing vndertaken for ye glorie of god, and aduancements of ye christian faith and honour of our king & countrie, a voyage to plant ye first colonie in ye Northerne parts of Virginia, doe by these presents solemnly & mutualy in ye presence of god, and one of another, couenant, & combine our selues togeather into a ciuill body politick; for our better ordering & preseruation & furtherance of ye ends aforesaid; and by vertue hearof to enacte, constitute, and frame such just & equall lawes, ordinances, Acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete & conuenient for ye generall good of ye colonie: vnto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witnes wherof we haue here vnder subscribed our names at Cap-Codd ye .11. of Nouember, in ye year of ye raigne of our soueraigne Lord king James of England, France, & Ireland ye eighteenth and of Scotland ye fiftie fourth. Anº Dom. 1620.

John Carver	Richard Warren	John Turner	Edmond Margeson
William Bradford	John Howland	Francis Eaton	Peter Brown
Edward Winslow	Stephen Hopkins	James Chilton	Richard Britteridge
William Brewster	Edward Tilly	John Crackston	George Soule
Isaac Allerton	John Tilly	John Billington	Richard Clarke
Myles Standish	Francis Cooke	Moses Fletcher	Richard Gardiner
John Alden	Thomas Rogers	John Goodman	John Allerton
Samuel Fuller	Thomas Tinker	Degory Priest	Thomas English
Christopher Martin	John Rigdale	Thomas Williams	Edward Doty
William Mullins	Edward Fuller	Gilbert Winslow	Edward Leister
William White			

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The Descendants of

JOHN HOWLAND

of the *Mayflower* for Five Generations

Volume 1

Through his First Child

Desire[2] Howland, and her husband, Captain John Gorham

1. John[1] Howland and his wife, Elizabeth Tilley

John Howland of Fenstanton, Huntingdonshire, England, a passenger on the famous ship *Mayflower*, which sailed from Plymouth, England, in the autumn of 1620, was the indentured manservant of Mr. John Carver, a wealthy Londoner, who became the first governor of New Plimoth Colony in Massachusetts. On 11 November 1620, as the ship lay at anchor in Cape Cod Bay, John Howland was the thirteenth man to sign the MAYFLOWER COMPACT, the agreement which laid the foundation for the new town that the able-bodied men on board the *Mayflower* planned to create when the group landed in what was to become Plymouth, Massachusetts.[1]

The son of Henry and Margaret Howland, John Howland was born about 1592 and grew up in Fenstanton, a town nine miles northwest of Cambridge on the old Roman Road. No baptismal record has been found for John Howland but he was said to have been "above eighty years" when he died in Rocky Nook, Kingston, near Plymouth, 23 February 1672. His father, Henry Howland, yeoman, died in Fenstanton 17 May 1635, and his mother, Margaret, was buried there 31 July 1629. The identity of this family is proved by the probate records of John's brother, Humphrey Howland, a draper, who settled in St. Swithin's Parish in London. Humphrey Howland, in his will written in London 28 May 1646 and proved 10 July 1646 by his second wife, Anne, mentioned his brothers, Arthur, John, and Henry, his sister, Margaret, wife of Richard Phillips of Fenstanton, shoemaker, his "nephew," Simon Howland, and his "niece," Hannah Howland, Simon's sister. Additional information about John

Howland's family is found in the records of the intestate estate of another brother, George Howland, a merchant of St. Dunstan's, East London, who had died two years earlier, 10 February 1643/4. His estate was administered by Humphrey Howland's wife, Anne, 11 July 1646. Simon Howland was baptized in Fenstanton 19 August 1604, called "son of Henrye," and was probably the Simon Howland who was apprenticed 19 March 1622, to Humphrey Howland, "citizen and draper of London."[2]

Two of John's brothers followed John to Plymouth. Henry Howland, the youngest brother, was apprenticed to his brother, Humphrey Howland, in London and his name is found there on the Roll of the Drapers Company, 1 October 1623. But less than ten years later, Henry arrived in Plymouth where he was taxed 25 March 1633. John's oldest brother, Arthur Howland, soon followed his younger brothers to New England and was listed by Thomas Lechford 28 August 1640 as "of Duxbury in New England, Planter."[3] Thus the progenitors of three separate Howland families arrived in Plymouth Colony during the first twenty years of its existence, making it difficult to sort out and identify their many descendants.

John Howland of the *Mayflower* was called by Governor William Bradford "a lusty younge man." He was one of the hired hands among the *Mayflower* company, being neither a "Saint," as the Pilgrims were called, nor a "Stranger," engaged for a specific duty, as was the soldier, Captain Myles Standish.[4] During the voyage across the North Atlantic, the *Mayflower* was buffeted by severe autumn storms during which she was forced to drop her sails and head into the wind, wallowing in the mountainous waves. John Howland ventured on deck and was washed overboard into the boiling sea. In Governor Bradford's words, "It pleased God that he caught hould of ye halliards which hunge over board, and rane out at length; yet he was held up . . . and then with a boat hooke and other means got into ye ship again."[5] It was this tenacity of purpose, perseverance, and the ability to deal with unexpected emergencies that helped John Howland to become a successful leader in the Plymouth community.

The Carver family with whom John lived, survived the terrible sickness of the first winter, during which many Pilgrims died. But the following spring, on an unusually hot day in April, Governor Carver, according to Bradford, came out of his cornfield feeling ill. He passed into a coma and "never spake more." His wife, Kathrine, died soon after her husband.[6] Since the Carvers had no children, John Howland is thought to have inherited their estate. It has been said that he immediately "bought his freedom" but no record has survived.[7]

On or about what was then New Year's Day, 25 March 1623 (old style), John Howland married his fellow *Mayflower* passenger, Elizabeth Tilley. Elizabeth was baptized at Henlow, Huntingdonshire, England, 30

August 1607, the fifth and youngest child of a silk-weaver named John Tilley, and his wife, Joan (Hurst) Rogers. She was the only child of her parents recorded as coming with them to America.[8] At the time of her marriage she was not quite sixteen years of age.

The early records of the Colony of New Plymouth contain an account of the Division of Land in 1623, in which John Howland, as head of a household, received four acres "on the Southside of the brook to the woodward." According to one researcher, John Howland was given one share (or acre) in his own right and three shares for his wife, Elizabeth Tilley, and her deceased parents, John and Joan Tilley.[9] But Franklyn Howland, author of *The History of Arthur, Henry and John Howland and Their Descendants*, states that Governor Carver's family consisted of John Carver, himself, his wife, Kathrine, John Howland, Desire Minter, a man servant named Roger Wilder, a boy, Jasper More, a boy, William Latham, and an unnamed servant maid. When Elizabeth Tilley's parents, John and Joan Tilley, and her uncle, Edward Tilley, died the first winter, Elizabeth became part of the Carver household. Roger Wilder died the first winter. Governor Carver died a few months later, in April 1621, and his wife died in May 1621. The boy, Jasper More, died 6 December 1621, and the servant maid died soon after. That left John Howland as the head of the household containing four people, the other three being Elizabeth Tilley, Desire Minter and the lad, William Latham.[10]

Desire Minter, one of the members of John Howland's household, had come in the *Mayflower* with the Carvers. Desire must have been no more fifteen years of age when she arrived in Plymouth. She was the daughter of William and Sarah (Willet) Minter, members of the group of Separatists living in Leiden. Her father, William Minter, died before 1618 and her mother, Sarah, married Roger Symondsen in Leiden 18 August 1618. Roger was accompanied to his wedding by his friends, Daniel Fairfield and John Carver.[11] It was this same John Carver in whose care Desire Minter sailed in the *Mayflower* for Plymouth in 1620. Desire's mother was widowed a second time and, before 10 May 1622, she married her third husband, Roger Eastman. On that date Roger and Sarah Eastman signed an agreement with Thomas Brewer, the philanthropist who had supported Elder William Brewster's printing press in Leiden. In the agreement Thomas Brewer of Leiden was entrusted with 1,900 guilders to be invested, out of which he was to pay 120 guilders annually for the benefit and support of Desire Minter, Sarah's child by her first husband. Payment was to continue until the child reached the age of twenty-one. The contract was drawn up in the presence of John Kebel and William Jepson.[12]

Thomas Brewer returned to England where he was arrested for his support of the Pilgrim Separatists. On 20 October 1623, Roger Eastman,

Sarah's third husband, authorized John Kebel and William Jepson to collect Desire Minter's money from Thomas Brewer, who was in prison at this time.[13] This would seem to indicate that Desire Minter was about fifteen years old when she traveled to Plymouth with John Carver and his wife, Kathrine, in 1620. She was still a minor when her mother and stepfather, Sarah and Roger Eastman, signed the second contract in Leiden in 1623. Therefor she was still under twenty-one, when she was living in the household of the newly married John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland at the time the Division of Land was made in 1623.

A few years later, Desire Minter returned to England, perhaps to claim her inheritance. She may have rejoined her mother and stepfather there for, on 1 December 1623, Roger and Sarah Eastman obtained a notarized statement of good character from Thomas Nashe and William Jepson, when they were planning to leave Leiden.[14] John and Elizabeth Howland were very fond of Desire Minter and named their first child "Desire," in her honor.

In 1626 John Howland became one of the forty-two colonists who assumed Plymouth Colony's debt of £1800 owed to the Merchant Adventurers of London. In order to pay off this mortgage, a monopoly in the Colony's trade was granted to William Bradford, Isaac Allerton and Myles Standish, who chose John Howland as one of their partners, or undertakers, in the project. Later they established a trading post far to the northward, on the Kennebec River, at the present site of Augusta, Maine. John was put in charge of the trading post and a brisk trade developed there in beaver, otter and other furs gathered by the Indians.[15] John's family may have spent some time with him in Maine, and some of his children may have been born there.

When the Division of Cattle was made 1 June 1627, (new style), only forty-two of the original group of ninety-nine people who reached Plymouth in the *Mayflower* were still living there. All of the members of each family were listed in the records, including John and Elizabeth Howland, who now had two children, Desire and John, Jr.[16] Eight more children were born to them in the ensuing years, whom they named Hope, Elizabeth, Lydia, Hannah, Joseph, Jabez, Ruth and Isaac.[17]

In 1633 John Howland was made a freeman of Plymouth. During his lifetime he was appointed or elected to many public offices. In 1641, 1645, 1647 and 1648 he represented Plymouth at the General Court. In August 1643 he and his son, John, Jr., were listed among the men in Plymouth, aged 16 to 60, who were able to bear arms. In 1641 and 1644, and from 1647 to 1651, John Howland was one of the assessors of Plymouth. In 1650 he was a surveyor of highways. In 1652 and 1659, and from 1661 to 1668, and again in 1670, he was a Deputy to the General Court. In 1655 and 1666 he was a selectman in Plymouth.[18]

In 1639 the Old Comers were given a choice of several additional plantations for themselves and their heirs, around Yarmouth, Dartmouth and Rehoboth. Part of the land which John Howland chose was in Yarmouth, out on Cape Cod, where his son, John, Jr., and daughters, Desire (Howland) Gorham and Hope (Howland) Chipman, settled. It was also in the early part of 1639 that John paid £82 for John Jenny's land and dwelling house at Rocky Nook, now in Kingston but then part of Plymouth, which had been built in 1628. And there he lived with his family for the rest of his life.[19]

John Howland also owned a tract of land in Marshfield. Among the deeds that have survived the vicissitudes of time is one that settled an argument between John Howland, Sr., Thomas Bourne and John Dingley, concerning the boundaries of a "parcel" of marsh meadow there. It was agreed that "the line or Range shall begin att the beach next the sea upon a west line sett by a compas to a homacke in the marsh where there lves an Old Ceader tree there being noe other nor no more trees next to the great Iland but that onely And from the aforesaid west line to the Basse creek To which agreement all the aforesaid parties freely assented unto as aforesaid; alsoe that this agreement bee upon Record both att Marshfield and the court booke att Plymouth to avoid all further Diference for time to Come about the prmises; in witness whereof we the said John Howland senir: Thomas Bourne and John Dingley have put to our hands this fourth of May 1655." This document was signed in the presence of Myles Standish and recorded in 1656.[20]

The following year, on 5 March 1657, John Howland exchanged land in Marshfield for a "farme of land" in the Township of Barnstable owned by Christopher Winter, described as "the Govrs farmes," since it had belonged to Governor Bradford. It contained "fourscore and ten acres of upland according to the bounds be it more or less and ten acres of meddow . . . lying next unto the land of William Crocker." The exchange was acknowledged by Mr. John Howland and Christopher Winter in Plymouth.[21] The ownership of this land was confirmed by deed to John Howland, Jr., 10 January 1667/8, when John, Sr., made a gift to him of "upland and meadows at Barnstable being late in possession of John Howland, Jr."[22]

John Howland, Sr., died in Rocky Nook 23 February 1672/3. In his will dated 29 May 1672, John mentioned his beloved wife, Elizabeth, and his children, named as John, called "eldest son," Jabez, Isacke, and Joseph, and his married daughters, Desire Gorum (*sic*), Hope Chipman, Elizabeth Dickinson, Lydia Browne, Hannah Bosworth and Ruth Cushman. John Howland also mentioned his grandchild, Elizabeth Howland, "daughter of son John." The inventory of his estate included his dwelling house in Rocky Nook, meadow at the Jones River, half of a house and meadow in

Colchester, a meadow near the Jones River bridge in Duxborrow, a house and land in Middlebury, and land near Nemassakett Pond. Also listed among his possessions were "one great Bible and Annotations on the five books of Moses," as well as "Mr. Tindall's workes, Mr. Wilson's workes and seven more books."[23]

John's widow, Elizabeth, died in Swansea, 21/31 December 1687, at 80 years of age, in the home of her daughter, Lydia Browne. Three of her daughters Desire Gorham, Hope Chipman and Ruth Cushman had already died, leaving heirs. In her will dated 17 December 1686, Elizabeth Howland named her sons, John, Jabez, Joseph and Isaac, her son-in-law James Browne, her surviving daughters Lydia Browne, Elizabeth Dickason (*sic*), and Hannah Bosworth, her granddaughters Elizabeth Bursley, Dorothy Browne and Desire Cushman, and her grandsons Nathaniel Howland and James and Jabez Browne. She charged her children to "walke in ye Fear of ye Lord, and in love and peace toward each other."[24]

Children (**Howland**), first three probably born in Plymouth, Mass., next three possibly born in Maine, last four born in Rocky Nook, now Kingston, Mass.:[25]

+1 i. **Desire**[2], born probably in 1625.
ii. **John**, born 24, 2, 1627 [24 April 1627].
iii. **Hope**, born 30 August 1629.
iv. **Elizabeth**, born about 1631.
v. **Lydia**, born about 1633.
vi. **Hannah**, born about 1637.
vii. **Joseph**, born about 1640.
viii. **Jabez**, born about 1644.
ix. **Ruth**, born about 1646.
x. **Isaac**, born 15 November 1649.

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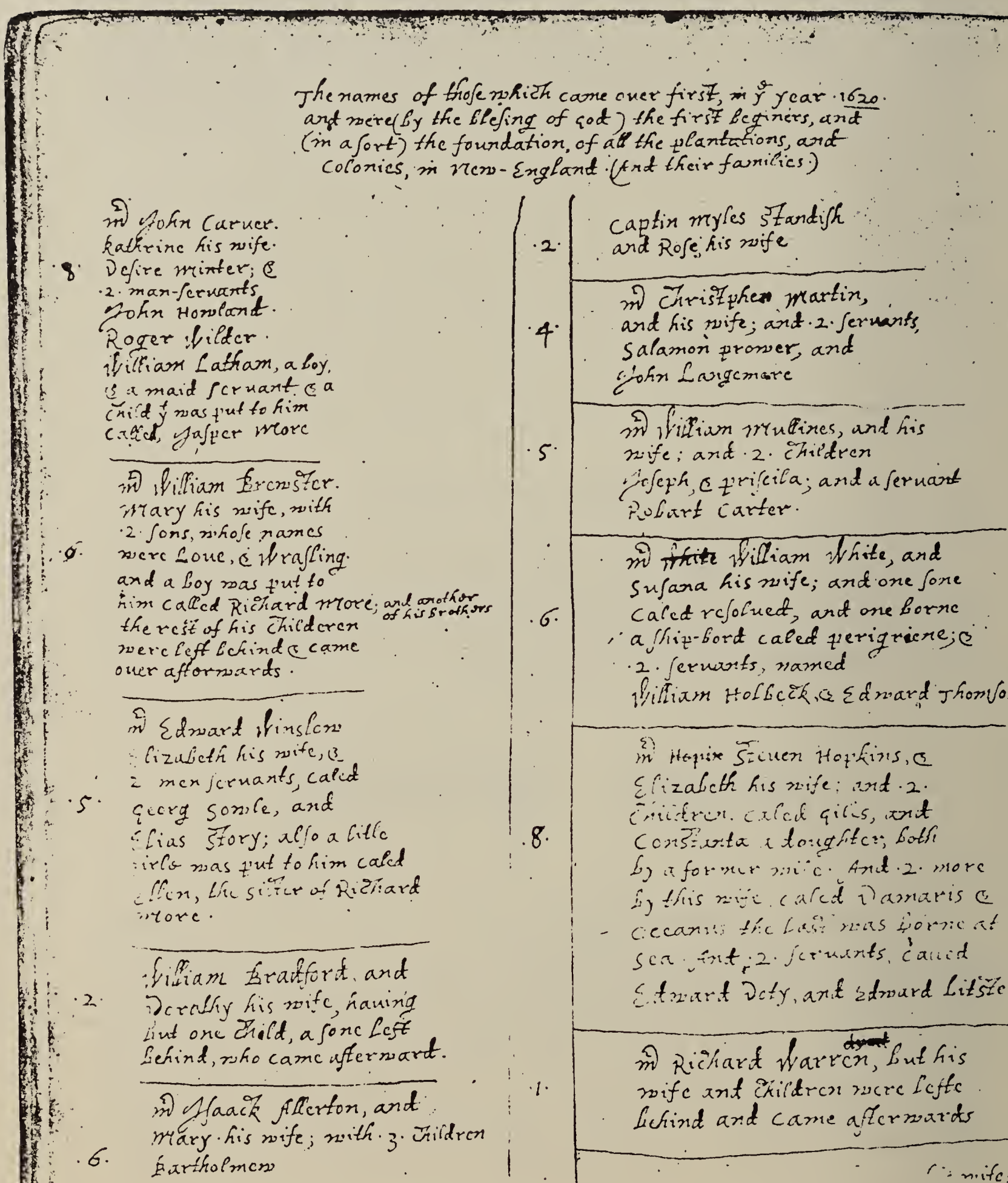
John Howland's Signature

John Howland's signature has been reproduced in several books published since 1849. All of the signatures are similar in appearance and appear to have been copied from an earlier, unidentified source. The original document has never been located.

The signature reproduced here was found in Thomas Weston's *History of Middleboro*, page 589, which was published in New York in 1906 and reprinted in Taunton, Mass., in 1975. A similar signature was used by Justin Winsor in his *History of Duxbury*, page 63, published in Boston in 1849. Winsor used it again in his *Narratives and Critical History of America* (3:268), published in 1884. It is to be hoped that the original document may still be hidden away in an archive or historical museum, or in a private collection, and will eventually be recognized and identified.



The names of those which came over first, in ye year 1620. and were (by the blesing of god) the first beginers, and (in a sort) the foundation, of all the plantations, and Colonies, in New-England (And their families)

8 Mr John Carver. Kathrine his wife. Desire Minter; & 2. man-servants John Howland. Roger Wilder. William Latham, a boy, & a maid servant & a child ye was put to him called, Jasper More

6 Mr William Brewster. Mary his wife, with 2. sons, whose names were Loue, & Wrasling. and a boy was put to him called Richard More; and another of his brothers the rest of his Childeren were left behind & came ouer afterwards.

5 Mr Edward Winslow Elizabeth his wife, & 2 men servants, caled Georg Sowle, and Elias Story; also a litle girle was put to him caled Ellen, the sister of Richard More.

2 William Bradford, and Dorothy his wife, hauing but one Child, a sone left behind, who came afterward.

6 Mr Isaack Allerton, and Mary his wife; with 3. Children Bartholmew

2 Captin Myles Standish and Rose his wife

4 Mr Christphen Martin, and his wife; and 2. servants, Salamon prower, and John Langemore

5 Mr William Mullines, and his wife; and 2. Children Joseph, & priscila; and a servant Robart Carter.

6 Mr ~~White~~ William White, and Susana his wife; and one sone caled resolued, and one borne a ship-bord caled perigriene; & 2. servants, named William Holbeck, & Edward Thomson

8 Mr ~~Hopin~~ Steuen Hopkins, & Elizabeth his wife; and 2. Children. caled Giles, and Constanta a doughter, both by a former wife. And 2. more by this wife. caled Damaris & Oceanus the last was borne at sea. And 2. servants, called Edward Doty, and Edward Litster.

1 Mr Richard Warren, but his wife and Children were lefte behind and came afterwards

Fig. 1. "The Names of Those Which Came Over First." Upper portion of a page from Governor William Bradford's manuscript, "Of Plimoth Plantation," in which Governor Bradford listed the names of the *Mayflower* passengers and the family groups to which they belonged. This list was reproduced in William Bradford, *History of Plimoth Plantation*, (Boston 1898), p. 530.

SECOND GENERATION

2. Desire[2] Howland and Captain John Gorham

1. **Desire[2] Howland** (*John[1]*) was born in Plymouth, Mass., about 1625 or 1626,[1] the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland. Desire and her brother, John, were listed with their parents in the Division of Cattle in Plymouth, 22 May 1627 (old style), 1 June 1627 (new style). John's birth date, 24, 2, 1627 (old style) [24 April 1627], was recorded by Judge Sewall who met John[2] Howland on the road and asked him when he was born. Therefore, Desire must have been the eldest child, born one year or eighteen months earlier than John. Desire died in Barnstable, Mass., 13 October 1683.[2]

Desire Howland married in Plymouth, about 1643 **John Gorham,**[3] who was baptized in Benefield, Northamptonshire, England, 28 January 1620/1,[4] the son of Ralph Gorham. Capt. John Gorham was buried in Swansea, Mass, 5 February 1675/6.[5]

The Northamptonshire branch of the Gorhams are supposed to have descended from Sir Hugh de Gorham and his wife, Margaret, daughter of Sir William l'Angevin. Sir Hugh de Gorham, in 1281, possessed the manor of Churchfield in the parish of Oundle, and land in Benefield which had belonged to his wife's father. More than three hundred years later, the baptism of "John Gorram, son of Ralph Gorram" was entered in the Benefield register.[6]

A John Gorham, perhaps this man, was a passenger on board the *Philip*, bound for North America, 20 June 1635, with Richard Morgan, master.[7] A Ralph Gorham was granted land in Plymouth 2 October 1637 for a house and garden. On 5 March 1637/8, he complained against Frances Sprague. A year later, "Ralph Gorham the older" was presented for breaking the peace. On 1 September 1640 he complained against Ralph Smith and on 2 March 1640/1 Smith complained against Ralph Gorham. On 5 April 1640 he sued Tristram Clark and John Crab for debt.[8] He then disappeared from Plymouth records.

On 8 March 1648 Desire's father, John Howland, sold to his "son-in-law, John Gorum," half of the lands in Marshfield that he had bought from Governor William Bradford.[9] In 1672, Desire's mother, Elizabeth Howland, "wife of Mr. John Howland, deceased, came into court at Plymouth and acknowledged that she freely gave and surrendered rights in the lands of her late husband lying in Namasket in the township of Middleboro to Mr. John Gorum of Barnstable,"[10]

The exact date of their marriage is not known but Desire was called "Desire Gorum" in her father's will dated 29 May 1672. Additional proof that Desire Howland married John Gorham was found in a land transaction dated 16 February 1673, in which "John Gorum Senr of Barnstable" sold to George Dawson, "now resident at Barnstable," land in Middleboro formerly belonging to John Howland and Elizabeth, his wife, and given to the said John Gorum before John Howland's death. The transaction was witnessed by Joseph Laythorpe and John Thompson, and acknowledged 24 February 1673 before Thomas Hinckley, Assistant. Desire, wife of John Gorum, gave her consent 30 April 1674.[11]

John and Desire Gorham lived in Plymouth after the birth of their first child, Desire, 2 April 1644, and then moved to Marshfield. Their great-grandson, Col. John Gorham, in his "Wast Book," recorded that "John Gorum, alias Gorham - which Son after Having Marryed With an Howland and Had Sevrall Children Went home to England and Returned Soone again to his family. . . . Moved From Marshfield to Barnstable and Settled there in ord^{r} to begin a township Called Barnstable. Built Mills - tan fatts &c."[12]

John Gorham's name was on a list of men able to bear arms in Plymouth in 1643. He was chosen constable in Marshfield in 1648. He was made a freeman 4 June 1650 and in 1651 he became a member of the Grand Inquest of Plymouth Colony. He and his family moved to Yarmouth, Mass., in 1652, and then went on to Barnstable where he owned a grist mill and a tannery. He was a surveyor of highways in 1654. As a captain in the militia in King Philip's War, he took part in the Narragansett fight in December 1675, where he was wounded "by having his powder horn Shot and Split against his side," He died of the resulting fever and was buried in Swansea 5 February 1676/7.[13] His widow, Desire, survived him for more than five years, dying after her father, John Howland, but before her mother, Elizabeth Tilley. Desire was mentioned in her father's will in 1672, but not by her mother in 1686.[14]

Desire's husband, Capt. John Gorham, died intestate. On 7 March 1675, Mistress Desire Gorum (*sic*) and her sons, James Gorum and John Gorum, were named as administrators of the estate. The court appointed "Mr. Hinckley, Mr. Chipman and Mr. Huckins" to take care of the estate of the youngest children until they came of age. The inventory, amounting to £710-4-3, was taken 29 February 1675 and sworn to 7 March 1675. It included the dwelling house, barn, upland, meadow, tan vats, a bark mill, and two houses and tools "belonging to the taning." In the division of Capt. John Gorham's estate, dated Plymouth 7 March 1676/7, widow Desire Gorham received her dower thirds. Son James received "the dwelling house he now lives in," with the barn and half of the upland. Son John Gorham received the tan vats, bark mill, tools, stock and the

other half of the upland. Son Joseph was given forty acres of land next to Joseph Hallet's land, and some meadow. The rest of the estate was divided into five equal parts among the rest of the children, who were named as Jabez, Mercy, Lydia, Hannah and Shubael Gorum. Shubael was allotted £50 for the costs of his education, in addition to receiving his share of the estate. Three married daughters, Desire, Temperance and Elizabeth, had already received £40 each. If there should be an overplus, the married daughters were to share equally with the other children, except that James, the eldest son, was to have a double share.[15]

The inventory of Desire's estate was dated 3 August 1683, more than two months before her death, 13 October 1683. On 5 March 1683/4, the Assistants of Plymouth Colony, Gov. Hinckley, Major Bradford, Deputy Gov. Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lothrop and Mr. Thacher, "with the mutual consent of the children then appearing," named as James, John and Joseph Gorham, and with the consent of the sons-in-law, agreed that the eldest son James would receive a double share, according to custom, and the rest of the children, namely John, Joseph, Jabez, Shubael, Desire, Temperance, Elizabeth, deceased, Mercy, Lydia and Hannah, should have an equal portion. As Elizabeth had died, they agreed that her children, not named, "should have an equal part that did belong to their mother."[16]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Plymouth, Marshfield, Yarmouth and Barnstable, Mass.:[17]

+2 i. **Desire**[3], born in Plymouth, 2 April 1644.
+3 ii. **Temperance**, born in Marshfield, 5 May 1646.
+4 iii. **Elizabeth**, born in Marshfield, 2 April 1648.
+5 iv. **James**, born in Marshfield, 28 April 1650.
+6 v. **John**, born in Marshfield, 20 February 1651/2.
+7 vi. **Joseph**, born in Yarmouth, 16 February 1653/4.
+8 vii. **Jabez**, born in Barnstable, 3 August 1656.
+9 viii. **Mercy**, born in Barnstable, 20 January 1658.
+10 ix. **Lydia**, born in Barnstable, 11 November 1661.
+11 x. **Hannah**, born in Barnstable, 28 November 1663.
+12 xi. **Shubael**, born in Barnstable, 21 October 1667.

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THIRD GENERATION

3. The Children of Desire[2] Howland

2. **Desire Gorham**[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Plymouth, Mass., 2 April 1644,[1] the daughter of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham. She died in Yarmouth, Mass., 30 June 1700, aged 56 years.[2]

Desire Gorham married in Barnstable, Mass., 7 October 1661 **John Hawes** of Yarmouth,[3] who was born probably in Duxbury, Mass., between 1635 and 1640,[4] the son of Edmund Hawes. Capt. John Hawes died in Yarmouth 11 November 1701.[5]

When the intestate estate of her father, Capt. John Gorham, was settled in March 1676/7, Desire was one of the married daughters who had already received £40 but, if there should be an overplus, she and her married sisters were to share it equally with the other children. Desire also shared in the estate of her mother, Desire (Howland) Gorham in March 1683/4. Her husband was one of Desire Gorham's sons-in-law who agreed that the children of Desire's deceased sister, Elizabeth, should have their mother's portion.[6]

John Hawes's father, Edmund Hawes of Yarmouth, in his will dated 5 May 1692, probated 20 July 1693, mentioned his son John and his "daughter Desire, wife of my sd son John." He made bequests to his grandsons Joseph, Jabez, John, and Edmond, "if he come again," as well as to Ebenezer, Isaac and Benjamin. He also remembered his granddaughters Desire Hawes, Elizabeth Dogged, Mary Bacon and Experience Hawes. Son John Hawes was named executor.[7]

John Hawes was a cutler. He served as a representative to the General Court for two years, starting in 1696.[8] According to Col. John Gorham's "Wast Book," Capt. John Hawes of Yarmouth, "having his Leg Cut of Dyed with it."[9]

In his will dated 15 October 1701, probated 19 November 1701, John Hawes of Yarmouth gave his son, Isaac, his house and barn, except that two unmarried daughters, Desire and Experience, were to have liberty to dwell in the east end of the house. He also mentioned his other sons, Ebenezer, Joseph, John and Benjamin, and his married daughters, Mary Bacon and Elizabeth Doggett. Sons Joseph and Isaac were appointed executors. Witnesses were John, Peter and Josiah Thacher. The inventory, taken 25 November 1701, amounted to £629-8-4. Major John Gorham and John Thacher, Esq., were named as overseers of the will.[10]

Children (Hawes), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[11]

+13 i. **Elizabeth**[4], born 5 October 1661 (*sic*); probably ought to be 1662; she certainly was not born two days before her parents' marriage.

+14 ii. **Mary**, born 10 June 1664.

iii. **Edmund**, born 2 May 1669; mentioned in grandfather's will in 1692; not named in father's will in 1701; an Edmund Hawes, possibly another man of the same name, was a selectman and assessor in Chatham in 1707.[12]

+15 iv. **John**, born 14 May 1671.

+16 v. **Joseph**, born 16 July 1673.

vi. **Jabez**, born 20 May 1675, died between 31 March 1693 and 15 October 1701; mentioned in grandfather's will in 1692 but not in father's will in 1701.

+17 vii. **Ebenezer**, born 24 March 1678/9.

+18 viii. **Isaac**, born 9 March 1679/80.

+19 ix. **Desire**, born last of February 1681/2.

+20 x. **Benjamin**, born 20 March 1682/3.

+21 xi. **Experience**, born 24 September 1686.

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3. **Temperance Gorham**[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Marshfield, Mass., 5 May 1646,[1] the daughter of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham. She died in Yarmouth, Mass., 12 March 1714/5.[2]

Temperance Gorham married first, in 1663 **Edward Sturgis**,[3] who was born possibly in Charlestown, Mass., 10 April 1642,[4] the son of Edward and Elizabeth (Hinckley) Sturgis. Edward died in Yarmouth 8 November 1678.[5] Edward was a brother of Hannah (Sturgis) Gray who married Temperance's brother, Jabez Gorham, and of Sarah Sturgis who married another brother, Joseph Gorham.

Temperance, called "the widow Sturgis," married second, in Yarmouth 27 January 1679/80 **Thomas Baxter**,[6] who was born in England about 1653.[7] Thomas died in Yarmouth 22 June 1713, in his 60th year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.[8]

Edward Sturgis, Jr., Temperance's first husband, died intestate. Sixteen years after his death, when his youngest son, also named Edward, came of

age, the "Court of Plimouth" settled his estate, 5 April 1694, recorded 8 May 1694. It was divided among his four sons, named as Joseph Sturgis, who received "the first division" of property and, called eldest son, was given a larger share worth an extra £20; Samuel Sturgis, who was given "the fourth division"; James Sturgis, who was given "the third division"; and Edward Sturgis, who received the second division." His widow, Temperance, and his daughters were mentioned, but not named, in the division of the estate. Temperance's second husband, Thomas Baxter, was called her "now" husband by the Plymouth Court, 2 March 1697.[9]

Thomas Baxter was a bricklayer. Col. John Gorham, writing in his "Wast Book," begun at Louisbourg, August 28th 1745, called Thomas Baxter "an Old England man - Lived at Yarmouth."[10] Thomas was a soldier in Capt. Gorham's company in King Philip's War in 1675 and was wounded in the first expedition. For his services, on 18 April 1735, the heirs of Thomas Baxter of Yarmouth were made grantees of Narragansett township.[11] Thomas lived at South Sea, now West Yarmouth, where he built a fulling mill and a grist mill.[12] Researchers have confused him with Captain Thomas Baxter, a pirate, and his son, also named Thomas, who lived in New Amsterdam (New York City), and in Fairfield and Wethersfield, Conn. The pirate's son, Thomas Baxter, Jr., died in Westchester, New York, in 1714, one year after Thomas Baxter of Yarmouth died in Yarmouth, Mass., 22 June 1713. There is no known relationship between these two separate Thomas Baxter families.[13]

Temperance and her second husband, Thomas Baxter of Yarmouth, and their eldest son, John Baxter, were further identified by the will of Tooto, servant of Temperance's mother, Desire[2] (Howland) Gorham, dated 22 December 1691, and proved in Barnstable, 2 January 1691/2. In his will, Tooto gave his house and land to "John Baxter, Thomas Baxter's eldest son," who was then eleven years of age. Tooto also gave Temperance Baxter his "moveables and household stuff," and his old riding horse. Tooto left his two oxen in the hands of "Mr. Baxter," to pay for his burial "as neer his mistres [Desire Howland's] feet as may conveniently be."[14]

Thomas Baxter of Yarmouth, in his will dated "about" 2 June 1713, probated 9 July 1713, bequeathed to Temperance, his beloved wife, one-third of his income and his "great new house," during her natural life. He mentioned his sons Shoball, John and Thomas Baxter. He gave his son Thomas some land in Yarmouth on condition that, if he should sell it, then "his two children att Coneicticut: Timothy, ye son & the Daughter he had by his wife shall have secured to them Twenty five pounds apiece." The will was witnessed by John Gorham, Sr., John Gorham, Jr., and Anne Gorham, who made her mark. Thomas Baxter's inventory included negro slaves and mulatto servants valued at £84-4-7. His total estate amounted to more than £579-14-7.[15]

Temperance (Gorham) (Sturgis) Baxter died intestate. The inventory of her estate was taken 8 April 1715 by John Gorham, James Gorham and Josiah Miller. Her real estate was divided between her sons John, Thomas and Shubael Baxter, with John Baxter, as the eldest son of her second marriage, receiving a double portion. Her remaining personal estate was divided among "all the children of the sd Temperance Baxter *both* the sons and Daughters both what she had by her Last as also by her former Husband, onely Joseph Sturgis the Eldest son to have a Duble part or Shear thereof."[16] Although Temperance's daughters were not mentioned by name in the division of her estate, the first daughter was certainly Desire Sturgis, named for her grandmother, Desire Howland, and for her aunt, Desire Gorham. Proof was found in the will of widow Elizabeth Hore of Yarmouth, dated 20 May 1680, in which she bequeathed her largest pewter dish "to Desier Sturgis eldest Daughter to Temperance Baxter,"[17] The second daughter was Thankful Sturgis whose husband, Peter Thacher, called Thankful's mother, Temperance (Gorham) (Sturgis) Baxter, "Mother Baxter" in his will dated 6 January 1735/6.[18] The third daughter was Fear Sturgis, youngest child of Edward and Temperance Sturgis, who may have been given the unusual name of "Fear" by her mother because her father was dying or was already dead, making her mother "fear" for the future, a common reason for unusual names in that era. Fear's brothers Joseph and James, and her sisters, Thankful and Desire, each named a daughter "Fear."

Children, born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[19]

Children (Sturgis), by her first husband, Edward Sturgis:

+22 i. **Joseph**[4], born about 1664.
+23 ii. **Samuel**, born about 1665.
+24 iii. **Desire**, born about 1666.
+25 iv. **James**, born about 1668.
+26 v. **Edward**, born about 1673.
+27 vi. **Thankful**, born 20 May 1675.
+28 vii. **Fear**, born about 1678.

Children (Baxter), by her second husband, Thomas Baxter:

+29 viii. **John**, born about 1680.
+30 ix. **Thomas**, born about 1685.
+31 x. **Shubael**, born about 1687.

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4. **Elizabeth Gorham**[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Marshfield, Mass., 2 April 1648,[1] the daughter of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham. Elizabeth died before 5 March 1683/4,[2] the date her mother's estate was divided among her brothers and sisters and her children, who were to receive her share, but who were not named.

Elizabeth Gorham married, probably in Barnstable, Mass., before 5 March 1666/7 **Joseph Hallett,**[3] who was born in England in 1630, the son of Andrew Hallett, Sr., and his wife Mary.[4] Joseph Hallett died after 30 June 1715, the date he was mentioned in the intestate probate records of his grandson, Samuel Fuller of Middleboro, Mass., and before 20 June 1721, when Joseph Hallett's share in the division of common lands in Barnstable, which had become part of the estate of Jabez Fuller, his son-in-law, was divided among his Fuller grandchildren, at his daughter's request.[5]

The date of Elizabeth Gorham's marriage to Joseph Hallett has not been found but, on 5 March 1666/7, Joseph and his wife, Elizabeth were fined £10 by the Plymouth Court "for committing carnal copulation before marriage or contract."[6]

Joseph Hollott (*sic*), shoemaker, was listed as a debtor in the inventory of the estate of Capt. William Hedge of Yarmouth, Mass., taken 15 July 1670 by Thomas Howes and John Thacher.[7] Joseph's house stood next to that of Elizabeth's brother, James Gorham. Joseph was a townsman in Barnstable in 1670 and was allotted one acre in the division of the common meadow in 1697. He was not named in the division of common lands in 1706, indicating that, before that date, he had moved away, perhaps to Middleboro, with his daughter, Mary, and her husband, Jabez Fuller.[8] His land in Barnstable became the property of his brother-in-law, James Gorham.[9]

Elizabeth was alive and married when her father's estate was settled in 1676, but she had died before her mother's estate was settled 5 March 1683/4. On that date it was agreed by Governor Hinckley, Major Bradford, Deputy Governor Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lothrop and Mr. Thacher, Assistants, "with the mutual consent of the children then appearing, James, John and Joseph Gorham, and with the consent of the sons-in-law, that son James would receive a double share, and the rest of the children would have equal shares, namely John, Joseph, Jabez, Shubael, Desire,

Temperance, Elizabeth, deceased, Mercy, Lydia and Hannah." As Elizabeth was deceased, it was agreed that Elizabeth's children "should have an equal part that did belong to their mother."[10] The children were not named.

No probate records for either Joseph or Elizabeth Hallett have been found in Barnstable, Plymouth or Bristol Counties, nor have they been located in Connecticut. There are no birth, baptismal nor town records for any children of this couple in Barnstable where they lived. When Philip L. Cobb published his *History of the Cobb Family* in 1907, claims were made that this couple had three daughters, Mary Hallett who married Jabez Fuller in Sandwich "about 1686," Lois Hallett who married Henry Cobb in Barnstable, 3 September 1690, and moved to Stonington, Conn., and Elizabeth Hallett who married James Cobb in Barnstable 18 September 1695. The Mayflower Society has accepted Lois Hallett and Mary Hallett as daughters of Elizabeth Gorham and Joseph Hallett, but it has refused to accept Elizabeth Hallett who married James Cobb. Amos Otis, in his *Barnstable Families*, did not identify the parents of any of these Hallett daughters when he recorded the marriages of two of them, Lois to Henry Cobb and Elizabeth to James Cobb. However, in the Hallett section, he called Lois Hallett Joseph's daughter. Otis did not identify Jabez Fuller's wife at all.[11]

After a great deal of research, proof that the Mary Hallett who married Jabez Fuller was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett was found in the probate records of Mary (Hallett) Fuller's son, Samuel Fuller, who died intestate in Middleboro before 4 March 1714/5, the date his brother, Jonathan Fuller, was appointed to administer Samuel's estate. Samuel died "without wife or child." In the inventory of his estate is the statement, "Also the sum of six pounds due from the estate of their father, Jabez Fuller, paid since his decease by his widow [Mary (Hallett) Fuller] *towards the maintenance of Joseph Hallett, the said widow's father & now to be repaid by the said Jonathan to his said mother £6.* . . . Jonathan has the homestead in Middleboro which was his father's, also the other lands in Middleboro & Plympton formerly set off to sd. Samuel."[12]

It appears that Joseph Hallett gave his Barnstable property to his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Jabez Fuller, in return for lifetime payments of £6 per year. This was a common occurrence in colonial times, although usually the parents deeded their farm to a child with the right to live on the property until their deaths. Joseph Hallett may have included his other children in the agreement, because the probate records of his grandson, Samuel Fuller, say, "Paid by [Jabez Fuller's] widow *towards* the maintenance of Joseph Hallett."[13] However, the original agreement has not been found.

When Jabez and Mary (Hallett) Fuller moved to Middleboro, the responsibility for the payment to Joseph Hallett became attached to the new property the Fullers bought in Middleboro because, when son Jonathan Fuller inherited the property after the death of his father, he became liable for the payments to his grandfather, Joseph Hallett.

Proof that Lois and Elizabeth Hallett were the daughters of Elizabeth Gorham and Joseph Hallett is more tenuous. The given name, "Lois," is very unusual in Barnstable County. Mary Hallett, the proven daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett, named her third daughter, Lois Fuller. Therefore the Lois Hallett who was born in Barnstable about 1672 and married Henry Cobb in Barnstable 10 April 1690,[14] before moving to Stonington, Conn., in 1715,[15] was certainly Mary Hallett's sister and, therefore, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett.

Proof that Elizabeth Hallett was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett rests solely on two facts. Elizabeth Hallett married James Cobb in Barnstable 18 September 1695, when she would have been at least sixteen or seventeen years old. Elizabeth (Hallett) Cobb's year of birth took place before 1678 or 1679 because she died in Barnstable 1 April 1759, aged "above 80."[16] Her mother, Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett was living in 1676 when her father, Capt. John Gorham, died, but was dead when her mother's estate was settled 5 March 1683/4. Therefore it is reasonable to think that Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett died when her daughter, Elizabeth, was born, and the baby was named for her. Until we can find some court record to prove it, this identification has to remain as "probable."

Children (**Hallett**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[17]

+32 i. **Mary**[4], born about 1666/7; her first child was born in 1687.

+33 ii. **Lois**, born about 1672, estimated from her marriage date.

iii. ?? **Elizabeth**, born before 1678 or 1679, estimated from her death date.

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5. **James Gorham**[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Marshfield, Mass., 28 April 1650,[1] the son of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham. He died in Barnstable, Mass., in November or December 1707.[2]

James Gorham married in Barnstable 24 February 1673 **Hannah Huckins,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 14 October 1653,[4] the daughter of Thomas and Rose (——) (Hillyer) Huckins. Hannah died in Barnstable 13 February 1727/8.[5]

James Gorham was a farmer. On 1 June 1675 he was a member of the Grand Inquest. In June 1689 he was admitted as a Freeman of Barnstable.[6]

When his father, Capt. John Gorham, died intestate, James, with his mother, Desire, and his brother, John, was named a joint administrator of his father's estate, which was divided 7 March 1675/6. As the eldest son he received a double share.[7] When his mother's estate was divided 5 March 1683/4, James again received a double share as the eldest son.[8] His mother's servant, Tooto, in his will dated 27 December 1691, probated in Barnstable 2 January 1691/2, gave James one cow and the increase of his cattle. James and his brother-in-law, Thomas Baxter, were named joint administrators of Tooto's estate.[9]

In his will dated 4 November 1707, proved 7 January 1707/8, James Gorham named his loving wife, Hannah, his seven sons, John, Thomas, James, Joseph, Jabez, Silvanus and Ebenezer, who were all living, and his three daughters, Desire Springer, who received £20, Experience Lothrop, who was given £5, in addition to what she had already received, and Mehitable Gorham, who was also given £5. He bequeathed twenty shillings to each of his five grandchildren, not named. Son James Gorham was appointed sole executor. Witnesses were John Thacher, Jabez Fuller and Lydia Thacher. A codicil dated 14 November 1707, disposed of one more piece of land not mentioned in his will. The inventory was taken 9 December 1707 by John Gorham and John Bacon.[10]

The five unnamed grandchildren who were born before 4 November 1707, the date James Gorham made his will, and whom we know were living then, were Mary, James, Thomas and Ancel Lothrop, children of his daughter Experience Lothrop, and Matthias Gorham, eldest son of John Gorham. Thus the two children that daughter Desire Springer may have had, would have died before 1707.

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass., fifth through eleventh baptized in Barnstable:[11]

+34 i. **Desire[4]**, born 9 February 1674.
+35 ii. **James**, born 6 March 1676/7.
+36 iii. **Experience**, born 28 July 1678.
+37 iv. **John**, born 2 August 1680.
+38 v. **Mehitable**, born 20 April 1683, bapt. 17 September 1683, mistakenly called "of James and Sarah."
+39 vi. **Thomas**, born 16 December 1684, bapt. 26 July 1685, called "of James and Hannah."
vii. **Mercy**, born 22 November 1686, bapt. in 1687, died in Barnstable 12 June 1689.
viii. **Joseph**, born 25 March 1689, bapt. 2 June 1689, called "of James"; died in Barnstable 1762, unmarried; mentioned in probate records of his brother, Silvanus in 1747; bequeathed all of his estate to his youngest brother, Ebenezer, in his will probated 4 January 1763.[12]
+40 ix. **Jabez**, born 6 March 1690/1, bapt. 10 May 1691, called "of James," given name missing.
x. **Silvanus**, born 13 October 1693, bapt. 17 June 1694, died unmarried in Stamford, Conn., before 24 September 1747; his estate was distributed 11 January 1750/1 to his brothers and sisters or their heirs, named as the heirs of brother James Gorham; the heirs of brother John Gorham; to brother Joseph Gorham; to the heirs of brother Jabez Gorham; to brother Ebenezer Gorham; to the heirs of sister Experience Gorham; to the heirs of sister Mehitable Gorham; and to his cousin George Gorham of Stamford, who was named administrator.[13]
+41 xi. **Ebenezer**, born 14 February 1695/6, bapt. 26 April 1696.

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6. **John Gorham**[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Marshfield, Mass., 20 February 1651/2,[1] the son of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham. He died in Barnstable, Mass., 11 November 1716, in his 65th year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery there.[2]

John Gorham married in Barnstable 24 February 1674 **Mary Otis**,[3] who was born in Hingham, Mass., 14 March 1652/3, and baptized 1 May 1653,[4] the daughter of John and Mary (Jacobs) Otis. Mary died in Barnstable 1 April 1732.[5]

In 1675, John and his brother, James, signed a petition for the settlement of the estate of their father, Capt. John Gorham. On 3 August 1683, John with his brother James, certified the accuracy of the inventory of the estate of their mother, Desire Gorham.[6]

John Gorham was a tanner and "conveyancer." In 1684 he served as constable, and from 1689 to 1691 he was a Deputy to the General Court from Barnstable. In 1690 he was chosen as Captain for the Expedition to Canada, led by Sir William Phips. As Major John Gorham, he served as Deputy from Barnstable in 1702. On 18 March 1703/4, Governor Dudley commissioned him as Colonel. From 1711 to 1714 he was Justice of the Court of Common Pleas.[7]

In his will dated 8 November 1716, proved 7 January 1716/17, Col. John Gorham, Esq., mentioned his loving wife, Mary, and divided his land between his sons, Stephen, Shubael, John and Job. He gave his three daughters, Temperance, Mary and Thankful, "and my daughter Marcy," £70 to be paid to them out of his moveable estate. His servant Robin was to be free after two years service to his wife, Mary Gorham. A codicil dated 10 November 1716 stated that if son Job died without a lawful heir, his share should be divided between his brethren. His wife Mary, and his sons, Stephen and Shubael, were named joint executors. Witnesses were Samuel Sturgis, Daniel Greenleaf and Joseph Dimock. His inventory, valued at more than £2000, was taken 28 November 1716 by Samuel Sturgis and Thomas Lothrop, and was sworn to by the widow, 17 January 1716/7. It included "an Indian servant Jeffrey."[8]

Widow Mary Gorham, in her will dated 7 November 1727, proved 20 April 1733, gave her three sons, Stephen, John and Job, twenty shillings each. Son Shubael was given £6. Grandson John Gorham, son of her son Shubael, was given eight shares in her lot in Barnstable, "the remainder of said lot being owned by the heirs of James Gorham, deceased." Mary gave the balance of her estate to her four daughters, Temperance Clap, Mary Hinckley, Thankful Fuller and Mercy Bourne, to be divided equally. Son Shubael Gorham and son-in-law Silvanus Bourne were named executors. Witnesses were James Allyn, John Sturgis, Tertius, and Mehitable Crocker.[9]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass., baptized in the West Barnstable Church:[10]

i. **John**[4], born 18 January 1675/6, died 1 April 1679.
+42 ii. **Temperance**, born 2 August 1678, bapt. in 1686 with her sister "Mercy," and brother Stephen, "of John and Mary Gorham."
+43 iii. **Mary**, born 18 September 1680, bapt. as "Mercy" in 1686 with her sister Temperance and brother Stephen.
+44 iv. **Stephen**, born 23 June 1683, bapt. in 1686 with sisters Temperance and Mercy.
+45 v. **Shubael**, born 2 September 1686.
+46 vi. **John**, born 28 September 1688, bapt. 3 March 1689.
+47 vii. **Thankful**, born 15 February 1690, bapt. 19 April 1691.
+48 viii. **Job**, born 30 August 1692, bapt. 5 June 1692 (*sic*).
+49 ix. **Mercy**, born 1 December 1695, bapt. 5 April 1696.

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7. **Joseph Gorham**[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 16 February 1653/4, the son of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham.[1] He died there 9 July 1726, at 72 years of age.[2]

Joseph Gorham married probably in Yarmouth before 1678 **Sarah Sturgis**,[3] who was born about 1656,[4] thought to have been the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Hinckley) Sturgis. She died in Yarmouth before 3 February 1738/9.[5] This Sarah Sturgis is said to have been the sister of Edward Sturgis, born 10 April 1642, who married Joseph's sister, Temperance Gorham[3], and of Hannah (Sturgis) Gray who married Joseph's brother, Jabez Gorham[3].

Joseph was a shoemaker in Yarmouth. In the division of his father's estate in 1675, he was given forty acres of land and four acres of meadow next to land owned by his brother-in-law, Joseph Hallet.[6] Edward Sturgis, in his verbal will probated at Plymouth, Mass., 3 June 1679, gave Joseph £5 in silver.[7] Joseph was one of the witnesses to the will. Joseph served as an ensign in the militia before 1682.[8]

In March 1683/4, after his mother's death, Joseph and his brothers and sisters agreed that the children of his deceased sister, Elizabeth Hallett, "should have an equal part that did belong to their mother."[9]

In his will dated 27 July 1723, proved 20 July 1726, Joseph Gorham named his wife Sarah, his sons Joseph and Josiah Gorham, his daughter Desire Baxter, his granddaughter Sarah Sears, daughter of his deceased daughter Sarah Howes, and Sarah's other children, Thomas, Ebenezer and Elizabeth Howes. His wife Sarah and son Josiah were named executors. Witnesses were Peter Thacher, Thankful Thacher and Ann Lothrop.[10]

Sarah Gorham, "widow woman and spinster," in her will dated 1 May 1728, proved 3 February 1738/9, gave her son Joseph her silver cup. Her son Josiah received £5, her husbandry tools and the debts he owed her, on condition that he pay his daughter Rebecca, the daughter of his first wife, £20 when she came of age or married. Sarah gave her grandsons Thomas and Ebenezer Howes, forty shillings each, her granddaughter Sarah Sears, £5, and her granddaughter Lydia (*sic*) Crosby [actually Elizabeth Crosby], £3, all children of her deceased daughter Sarah Howes. Her daughter Desire Baxter was given all of the remainder of her estate, with Desire's husband, John Baxter, being named sole executor. The witnesses were Samuel Sturgis, Samuel Sturgis, Jr., and Ann Crosby.[11]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., recorded 26 June 1695:[12]

+50 i. **Sarah**[4], born 16 January 1678/9.
+51 ii. **Joseph**, born 15 April 1681.
+52 iii. **Samuel**, born in October 1682.
iv. **John**, born 28 February 1683/4, died young.
+53 v. **Desire**, born in April 1685.
vi. **Isaac**, born in October 1687, died in 1714 without issue.
vii. **Hezekiah**, born in August 1689, died in 1714 without issue.
+54 viii. **Josiah**, born 2 December 1692.

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8. **Jabez Gorham**[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 3 August 1656,[1] the son of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham. He died in Bristol, which was then in Massachusetts but is now in Rhode Island, between 16 March 1724/5, the date he made his will, and 20 April 1725, the date his will was proved.[2]

Jabez Gorham married about 1676 a widow, **Hannah (Sturgis) Gray,**[3] who was born about 1654,[4] the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Hinckley) Sturgis. Hannah's first husband, whom she married about 1670, was John Gray, by whom she had one son, John Gray.[5] Hannah died in Harwich, Mass., 17 October 1736, and was buried in the Old Burial Ground, Brewster, Mass., called "wife of Jabez Gorham."[6]

Jabez Gorham served in King Philip's War, in which he was wounded. His name is on a list of townsmen in Yarmouth in 1679. In 1680 he was a constable and in 1683 he took the freeman's oath and served on the Grand Inquest.[7] At about this time Jabez settled at Papasquash Neck, on one hundred acres of land granted to the estate of his father, Capt. John Gorham, for his service in King Philip's War. The land seems to have belonged to his brother, Shubael Gorham, who sold it to Nathaniel Byfield of Bristol, 7 February 1689/90, for £62.[8] Jabez registered his ear mark for cattle and swine in Bristol, 30 June 1683.[9] He was living in Bristol, 26 August 1691, where he was called a carpenter when he bought land from James Adams, shoemaker.[10] On 2 July 1715, recorded 1 September 1725, Benjamin Ellery of Newport, R.I., merchant, sold land on the ship channel in Bristol to Jabez Gorham, yeoman.[11] On 13 February 1716, Jabez Gorham, Sr., of Bristol, "for love and affection to my eldest son, Jabez Gorham, Jr., of Bristol," deeded and confirmed to him the land and dwelling house where Jabez, Jr., lived. Witnesses were Samuel Howland and Will Allen. This land was eventually transferred to Jabez, Jr.'s son-in-law, John Kinnicutt.[12] On 8 May 1719, Jabez Gorham of Bristol, yeoman, sold land in Bristol on the ship channel to his son-in-law, Shubael Baxter of Yarmouth, Barnstable County, Mass.[13]

In his will dated 16 March 1724/5, proved 20 April 1725, Jabez Gorham, yeoman, of Bristol, Massachusetts Bay, named his wife Hannah, his eldest son Jabez, his sons Isaac, Joseph and Benjamin, his daughter, Elizabeth, "wife of Shubael Baxter," and his three grandsons Edward, William and Samuel Downs. His wife, Hannah, and son Benjamin were named co-executors. His eldest son Jabez, was given the deed to the house and land where he lived, and his father said, "My will is that the same be confirmed & he rest satisfied th[ere]with."[14] The inventory, dated 2 May 1725, was appraised at £129-5-6, the largest single item being £30-0-0 for "half of the Negro." This was presented by the executors 17 October 1726.[15]

On 18 May 1725, Jabez's son, Isaac Gorham "of Newhaven in the Colony of Connecticut," cooper, quitclaimed to his brother, Benjamin, his rights to land they had inherited from their father, Jabez, in return for a legacy from Benjamin. The witnesses were Samuel Howland and Abigail Howland. On 17 June 1725, Joseph Gorham "of ffairfield in the Coloney

of Connecticut," cordwainer, did the same. The witnesses were Jabez Gorham and Joseph Howland.[16]

On 7 September 1732, in a deed recorded 12 September 1732, widow Hannah Gorham, called "seamstress of Yarmouth," quitclaimed to Benjamin Gorham of Bristol, tanner, her interest in five acres in Bristol.[17]

Children (**Gorham**), first recorded in Yarmouth, Mass., second probably born there as well, last nine born in Bristol, now in Rhode Island.:[18]

i. **Hannah**[4], born 23 December 1677, died in Yarmouth 28 March 1682.

+55 ii. **Elizabeth**, born about 1680, mentioned in father's will; was married by 1700.

iii. **Samuel**, born in Bristol, 15 April 1682, died in Bristol, 24 November 1735, aged 53 years; not mentioned in father's will in 1724/5; no further record.

+56 iv. **Jabez**, born 31 January 1683/4.

v. **Shubael**, born 12 April 1686, died without issue in 1734; not mentioned in father's will, 1724/5; no further record.

+57 vi. **Isaac**, born 1 February 1689.

vii. **John**, born 8 November 1690, died in January 1717; not named in father's will.

+58 viii. **Joseph**, born 22 August 1692, bapt. Christ Church, Bristol, 11 August 1695.

ix. **Hannah**, born 21 February 1693/4, bapt. Christ Church, Bristol, 11 August 1695; not named in father's will.

+59 x. **Benjamin**, born 11 December 1695; executor of father's will.

xi. **Thomas**, born 30 October 1701; not named in father's will.

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9. **Mercy Gorham**[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 20 January 1658,[1] the daughter of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham. She died in Stonington, Conn., 24 September 1725.[2]

Mercy Gorham married, probably in Barnstable about 1677 **George Denison**,[3] who was born in New London, Conn., about 1653,[4] the son of

George and Ann (Borodell) Denison. He died in Westerly, R.I., 27 December 1711.[5]

Mercy shared with her brothers and sisters in the settlement of her father's estate, dated 7 March 1676/7, before her marriage.[6] She also agreed to the division of her mother's estate, dated 5 March 1683.[7] She was called "Mercy Denison" by her mother's servant, Tooto, when he made his will in Barnstable on 22 December 1791, proved 2 January 1691/2, in which Tooto gave Mercy two cows.[8]

The Denison family moved from Stonington to Westerly, R.I., before 1707, the year George Denison was made a Deputy there.[9] In his will dated 4 December 1711, and proved 10 March 1712, George Denison of Westerly mentioned his wife, Mercy, and eight of their children. He said, concerning his three "elder sons," Edward, Joseph and Samuel, and his two "elder daughters," Mercy Dunbar and Elizabeth Champlin, that he had already given them all that he could. He gave his youngest son, George, "the house and land which I now live on." He gave his two "youngest daughters," Desire and Thankful Denison, £10 each. Witnesses were Isaac Thompson, William Stanton and Edward Denison.[10]

Children (**Denison**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[11]

+60 i. **Edward**[4], born in 1678, bapt. 14 November 1683.
+61 ii. **Joseph**, bapt. 14 November 1683.
+62 iii. **Mercy**, bapt. 1 March 1685.
+63 iv. **Samuel**, bapt. 26 September 1686.
v. **Desire**, bapt. 15 July 1688, died young.
+64 vi. **Elizabeth**, born 11 September 1689, bapt. 11 May 1690.
+65 vii. **Desire**, bapt. 16 April 1693.
+66 viii. **Thankful**, bapt. 1 April 1695.
+67 ix. **George**, bapt. 7 May 1699.

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10. **Lydia Gorham**[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 11 November 1661,[1] the daughter of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham. Lydia died in Yarmouth, Mass., 2 August 1744, in her 83rd year and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.[2]

Lydia Gorham married in Yarmouth, as his second wife, 1 January 1683/4 **John Thacher,**[3] who was born in Marblehead, Mass., 16 March 1638/9,[4] the son of Anthony and Elizabeth (Jones) Thacher. John Thacher had married first, in Yarmouth 6 November 1661 Rebecca Winslow,[5] who died in Yarmouth 15 July 1683,[6] after having eight children named Peter, Josiah, Rebeccah, Bethiah, John, Elizabeth, Hannah and Mary Thacher,[7] not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. John Thacher died in Yarmouth 8 May 1713, in his 75th year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.[8]

Lydia and her brother, James Gorham, and two of her sisters, Temperance (Gorham) (Sturgis) Baxter and Mercy (Gorham) Denison, were named by their mother's servant, Tooto, in his will dated 22 December 1691, and proved in Barnstable 2 January 1691/2. Tooto called Lydia "Misstres Thacher" and gave her his young horse.[9]

John Thacher was a Colonel in the militia.[10] In his will dated 25 April 1713, probated 19 June 1713, John Thacher mentioned his second wife, Lydia, his sons Peter and John, and the male heirs of his son, Josiah, deceased, [sons by his first wife], and sons Judah, Joseph, Benjamin and Thomas, [sons by his second wife]; his daughters by his first wife, Rebecca Sturgis and Bethiah Paine, and the children of his daughter, Elizabeth Hatch, deceased; and his daughters by his second wife, Lydia Freeman, Mary Gorham, "and four youngest daughters," not named. His widow Lydia Thacher and son Peter were named joint executors, but Peter refused to serve with his step-mother. Col. John Thacher gave five shillings each "to the Two Drummers of Yarmouth if they beat at my funeral . . . though I had much rather be Decently Buryed without any Military Ceremony."[11]

Children (**Thacher**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[12]

+68 i. **Lydia**[4], born 11 February 1684/5.
+69 ii. **Mary**, born 5 February 1686/7.
+70 iii. **Desire**, born 24 December 1688.
+71 iv. **Hannah**, born 9 October 1690.
v. **Mercy/Marcy**, born 23 July 1692, died 27 August 1692.
+72 vi. **Judah**, born 20 August 1693.
vii. **Mercy/Marcy**, born 28 December 1695, died 22 August 1696.
+73 viii. **Ann**, born 7 May 1697.
+74 ix. **Joseph**, born 11 July 1699.
+75 x. **Benjamin**, born 25 July 1702.

+76 xi. **Mercy/Marcy**, born 7 February 1702/3 (*sic*).
+77 xii. **Thomas**, born 2 April 1705.

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11. **Hannah Gorham**[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 28 November 1663,[1] the daughter of Capt. John and Desire (Howland) Gorham. She died in Cape May, New Jersey, about 1728.[2]

Hannah Gorham married, probably in Barnstable or Yarmouth, Mass., about 1682, **Joseph Whilldin/Wheldon**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth about 1660,[4] the son of John and Mary (Folland) Whilldin/Wheldon. Joseph died in Cape May about 1727.[5]

In the division of the estate of her father, Capt. John Gorham, dated 7 March 1676/7, Hannah was mentioned as one of the unmarried daughters.[6] The inventory of her mother's estate, taken 3 August 1683, contains an item, "silver money lent to Joseph Whillden." Hannah was also mentioned in the division of her mother's estate, dated 5 March 1683/4.[7] Col. John Gorham, in his "Wast Book," stated, "Hannah maryd a Wheelding boath movd to Cape May."[8]

Joseph Whilldin was a sea captain and a farmer. Between 1689 and 1696, called Joseph *Weldon*, he purchased 150 acres of land in Cape May from Dr. Daniel Coxe of London. His earmark for branding cattle was recorded in 1693. This earmark was later used by Isaac Whilden.[9] On 22 April 1695, West Jersey records show that Joseph Wheldon of Cape May, yeoman, paid a quitrent of "two fat capons or hens" for 150 acres in Cape May.[10] He became coroner of Cape May County, 20 December 1699, and was High Sheriff from 1705 to 1708, Collector in 1709, Commissioner of the Pleas, 17 March 1713 and 1722, and Justice of the Peace in 1715. In 1718 he was one of the early members of the Presbyterian Church in Cold Spring, and one of the purchasers of the parsonage.[11]

On 2 April 1695, Joseph Whilldin, Sr., bought a tract of land and marsh in the Lower Precinct of Cape May County from Jeremiah Bass, agent for the West Jersey Society, part of which was conveyed to his son, Joseph, Jr., by two deeds, one in 1711 and one on 24 October 1718. Joseph, Jr., in his will dated 16 March 1747, bequeathed this land to his son, James, Sr., who in turn willed the land to his son, also named James. On 15 August 1789, the younger James Whilldin, with his wife, Rhoda,

giving her consent, signed a deed documenting these facts and proving without doubt that Joseph and Hannah (Gorham) Whilldin lived in Cape May and had a son named Joseph.[12]

Children (**Whilldin**), first two probably born in Yarmouth, Mass., remainder born in Cape May, New Jersey:[13]

+78 i. **Hannah**[4], born about 1683.

+79 ii. **Joseph**, born about 1690.

iii. **Mary**, born about 1693, married 17 December 1708 **Josiah Crowell**,[14] who may have died before 1734 when his earmark was transferred to Samuel Crowell, possibly his son;[15] no proven children.

iv. **Experience**, born about 1696, married 15 November 1712 **William Foster** of Burlington County, N.J.;[16] no further record.

v. **Isaac**, born about 1698; living in 1730; may have been the "unnamed" son mentioned in the Leach Collection, no proof given, with a widow, Elizabeth, who died in 1730; his brother, Joseph, in his will dated 16 March 1747, gave his son, Matthew, land and marsh which he had purchased from Isaac Whillden;[17] no further record.

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12. **Shubael Gorham**[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 21 October 1667,[1] the son of John and Desire (Howland) Gorham. He died in Barnstable in 1750, in his 83rd year.[2]

Shubael Gorham married on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., in May 1695 **Puella Hussey** of Nantucket,[3] who was born on Nantucket 10th 10 mo. 1677,[4] the daughter of Stephen and Martha (Bunker) Hussey. Puella died in Barnstable before 23 September 1748.[5]

In the settlement of his father's intestate estate, dated 7 March 1676/7, Shubael was given £50 to be used to educate him for a learned profession, in addition to his own share, but instead he became a house-carpenter.[6] He was a minor when his father died and, on 5 March 1683/4, he chose his older brother, James Gorham, as his guardian.[7]

Col. John Gorham's "Wast Book" states that, when Shubael and his family and friends sailed to Nantucket for his marriage to Puella Hussey, the members of the wedding party were taken prisoner by a French shallop from Port Royal and were stripped of all of their valuables.[8] After his marriage, Shubael moved to South Sea in Barnstable County and built a tavern near Hyannis Port.[9]

On 7 February 1689/90 Shubael Gorham sold one hundred acres of land at Papasquash Neck in Bristol County to Nathaniel Byfield of Bristol. This was land which he had inherited from his father, Capt. John Gorham, who had received it for his services in King Philip's War.[10] On 30 October 1722, Shubael Gorham of Barnstable, yeoman, and Puella, his wife, deeded to their eldest son, George Gorham, half of their farm of 50 acres, with half of the buildings, orchards and other property.[11] In 1745 their younger son, Daniel Gorham, died of smallpox in London, England, unmarried, leaving a will dated Barnstable, 24 January 1740, which was proved there in January 1746. In it Daniel named his brother, George, and his seven sisters, Abigail, Lydia, Hannah, Theodate, Desire, Ruth and Deborah. Daniel's inventory, which amounted to £2960-15-1, included four rights to land in Gorhamtown, Maine.[12]

On 8 July 1749 Shubael Gorham's son-in-law, James Lovell, Jr., of Barnstable, gentleman, the husband of his daughter, Abigail, was appointed as Shubael's guardian after Shubael had been adjudged non compos mentis by the Inquisition of Selectmen. James Lovell was to care for Shubael's person as well as his estate, real and personal.[13]

Shubael Gorham, in his will dated 23 September 1748, proved 7 August 1750, gave all of his real estate to his only surviving son, George Gorham of Stamford, Conn. His personal estate was divided equally among his seven beloved daughters, the same as those named in son Daniel's will quoted above. His wife, Puella, was not mentioned and had probably died earlier. Deacon John Hinkley of Barnstable was named executor. Witnesses were Samuel Annable, Thomas Annable and Mary Bourn. Shubael's real estate was appraised at £266-13-4 and his personal estate at £99-10-8.[14]

Children (**Gorham**), first eight recorded in Barnstable, Mass., ninth child included in father's will, tenth child listed in Col. John Gorham's "Wast Book":[15]

+80 i. **George**[4], born 29 January 1696/7.
+81 ii. **Abigail**, born latter end of March 1699.
+82 iii. **Lydia**, born 14 May 1701.
+83 iv. **Hannah**, born 28 July 1703.
+84 v. **Theodate**, born 18 July 1705.
vi. **Daniel**, born 24 September 1708, died in London, England, before January 1746, the month his will was probated in Barnstable, Mass.
+85 vii. **Desire**, born 26 September 1710.
+86 viii. **Ruth**, born 7 May 1713.
+87 ix. **Deborah**, born after 1714.
x. **Jonathan**, died young.

Note: Dates before 1752 given for Quaker families in Henry S. Gorham's "The Gorham Family," MS, deposited at The New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass., appear to be erroneous transcriptions of Quaker dates when compared with Quaker records published in the five volumes of *Nantucket Vital Records to 1850* (1925-1928). But the problem may lie in the published *Nantucket Vital Records* rather than with the Gorham MS. For example, Josiah Gorham's birth date in Barnstable town hall records is given as *2 June 1723* [*MD* 33:116; Barnstable Vital Records 2:392]. Vital records from Barnstable's town hall can be considered as accurate because they are from the original records, and are in chronological order with other births in the Barnstable town records. Since Josiah Gorham's birth date was recorded before the calendar change of 1752, it would translate into Quaker dating as *2d 4th mo. 1723*, not *2d 6th mo. 1723*, as given in the published *Nantucket Vital Records* 2:100. This leads to an important question. Were all of the dates in Nantucket Quaker records before 1752 mistranslated into the figures for modern months when Nantucket's vital records were prepared for publication? It would appear that both of these sources — the Gorham MS and *Nantucket Vital Records to 1850* — may be in error and the original Quaker records of Nantucket should be consulted concerning accurate dates for births, marriages and deaths before the calendar change in 1752.
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The Howland and Gorham Families

The children of John[1] and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland:

***Desire[2] Howland** (*1625/6-1683*)
married **John Gorham**

John[2] Howland (*1627-after 1699*)
married **Mary Lee**

Hope[2] Howland (*1629-1683/4*)
married **John Chipman**

Elizabeth[2] Howland (*1631-1691*)
married (1) **Ephraim Hicks**
(2) **John Dickenson**

Lydia[2] Howland (*1633-1710/1*)
married **James Brown**

Hannah[2] Howland (*1637-1708*)
married **Jonathan Bosworth**

Joseph[2] Howland (*1640-1703/4*)
married **Elizabeth Southworth**

Jabez[2] Howland (*1644-1712*)
married **Bethiah Thacher**

Ruth[2] Howland (*1646-1679*)
married **Thomas Cushman**

Isaac[2] Howland (*1649-1723/4*)
married **Elizabeth Vaughn**

The children of Capt. John and Desire[2] (Howland) Gorham:

***Desire Gorham[3]** (*1644-1700*)
married **John Hawes**

***Temperance Gorham[3]**
(*1646-1714/5*)
married (1) **Edward Sturgis**
(2) **Thomas Baxter**

***Elizabeth Gorham[3]**
(*1645-1683/4*)
married **Joseph Hallett**

***James Gorham[3]** (*1650-1707*)
married **Hannah Huckins**

***John Gorham[3]** (*1651/2-1716*)
married **Mary Otis**

***Joseph Gorham[3]** (*1653/4-1726*)
married **Sarah Sturgis**

***Jabez Gorham[3]** (*1656-1725*)
married **Hannah (Sturgis) Gray**

***Mercy Gorham[3]** (*1658-1725*)
married **George Denison**

***Lydia Gorham[3]** (*1661-1744*)
married **John Thacher**

***Hannah Gorham[3]** (*1663-1728*)
married **Joseph Whillden**

***Shubael Gorham[3]** (*1667-1750*)
married **Puella Hussey**

* These children are followed in this volume.

FOURTH GENERATION

4. The Children of Desire Gorham[3]

13. **Elizabeth Hawes**[4] (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 5 October 1661 (*sic*)[1] [probably should be 1662, almost one year after her parents' marriage, not two days before]. She was the daughter of John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes. She died in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., between 25 December 1732 and 13 February 1732/3.[2]

Elizabeth Hawes married in Bristol, then in Massachusetts but now in Rhode Island, 22 January 1683 **Thomas Daggett**,[3] who was born in Edgartown, Mass., about 1658,[4] the son of Thomas and Hannah (Mayhew) Daggett. Thomas Daggett died in Edgartown 28 August 1726.[5]

Elizabeth's father, Capt. John Hawes of Yarmouth, in his will dated 5 May 1692, probated 20 July 1693, mentioned Elizabeth as one of his married daughters, calling her "Elizabeth Dogged."[6]

Capt. Thomas Daggett was a carpenter and was called "gentleman." About 1685 he moved to Bristol, but returned to Martha's Vineyard about 1689 and died there in 1726. He may possibly have been a constable in Rehoboth 3 June 1684. He was called "Lieutenant" in land transfers until 1697. In 1705, he was called "Captain."[7]

In his will dated 8 July 1726, proved in October 1726, Thomas Daggett bequeathed to the children of his deceased son, Samuel Daggett, half of the land that was his father's homestead. Son Thomas was given the other half. Sons Timothy and Benjamin both received land in Edgartown. Thomas mentioned his loving wife, Elizabeth, and his six daughters, Hannah, Elizabeth, Thankful, Mary, Jemima and Desire. The three living sons were named executors. Witnesses were Israel Butler, David Butler and Daniel Butler.[8]

Widow Elizabeth Daggett, called "of Edgartown," left a will dated 25 December 1732, probated 25 February 1732/3, in which she named her son, Timothy, as her sole executor. She made bequests to her sons Timothy, Thomas and Benjamin; to her daughters Thankful Doggett, (*sic*), Mary Norton, Jemima Butler, Hannah and Elizabeth; to her daughter-in-law Mary Daggett; to her grandson Samuel Doggett (*sic*); to Betty, "alias Elizabeth Daggett"; and to granddaughter Lydia Norton. Witnesses were Benjamin Smith, John Bassett and Jedidah Smith.[9]

In Bristol, this family name was spelled *Doggett*; in Edgartown, it was spelled *Daggett*.

Children (**Daggett**), first two born in Bristol, now in Rhode Island, last eight born in Edgartown, Mass.:[10]

+88 i. **Samuel**[5], born 10 June 1685, bapt. 22 July 1688.

ii. **Hannah**, born 27 May 1687, bapt. 22 July 1688, died after 25 December 1732; unmarried when her mother made her will.

+89 iii. **Elizabeth**, born in 1690.

iv. **Timothy**, born in 1692, died in Edgartown 17 September 1775, in his 85th yr.; called "Capt."; executor of mother's will in 1732; married in Edgartown 6 May 1717 **Mary Smith**, who was born in 1694, the daughter of Benjamin Smith. Mary died in Edgartown 2 October 1781; legally separated in 1750; no children. Timothy left a will dated 6 March 1775, with a codicil dated 19 November 1775, probated 29 November 1775, in which he named his wife, Mary; Nathan Daggett, son of Seth Daggett of Tisbury; his brother Benjamin Daggett; Elijah Daggett, under 21, son of Elijah Daggett of Nantucket, deceased; Katharine Daggett, daughter of his brother, Benjamin; and Seth and Isaac Daggett of Tisbury. He gave his brothers Thomas and Benjamin Dagget, land which had come to him from their grandmother. He also mentioned Brother-ton Daggett, Ebenezer Daggett, and Andrew Butler, under 21, son of Shubael Butler; Timothy Daggett, under 21, son of Sylvanus Daggett, late of Tisbury; Thankful, wife of Seth Paddock of Nantucket; and kinsman Thomas Cooke of Edgartown, who was named as executor.[11]

+90 v. **Jemima**, born in 1694.

+91 vi. **Thankful**, born 6 April 1696.

+92 vii. **Mary**, born 8 August 1698.

viii. **Thomas**, born in 1700, buried in Edgartown 7 May 1783, aged 83 yrs.; married Love Coffin, who was born 13 September 1702, and died 4 October 1789; no issue. "He left a widdow aged 81; they lived together 60 years."[12]

+93 ix. **Benjamin**, born 23 January 1701.

x. **Desire**, born in 1702, probably died between 1726 and 1732; named in her father's will but not named in her mother's will.

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14. **Mary Hawes**[4] (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 10 June 1664,[1], the daughter of John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes. Mary died in Barnstable, Mass., 5 March 1725/6, aged 61 years.[2]

Mary Hawes married in Barnstable 17 June 1686, as his first wife, **John Bacon,**[3] who was born in Barnstable the beginning of June, 1661, the son of Nathaniel and Hannah (Mayo) Bacon.[4] John Bacon married second, in Plymouth, Mass., 28 September 1726 (intentions 9 September 1726) Sarah (Doty) Warren,[5] the widow of James Warren and the daughter of Edward and Sarah (Faunce) Doty. John Bacon died in Barnstable 30 August 1731, aged "about 67."[6]

John and Mary Bacon were members of the East Precinct Church in Barnstable, 20 June 1725.[7] John Bacon, called Captain and Esquire, was a lawyer and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.[8] He lived in Barnstable and also owned a farm at Strawberry Hill. In a prenuptial agreement with his second wife, Sarah (Doty) Warren, signed 27 September 1726, John Bacon listed "what my sd wife is to have of my estate . . . if not enough to support the said Warren family." In his long will written 2 December 1730, probated 2 September 1731, John Bacon mentioned his loving (second) wife, Sarah Bacon, his sons Nathaniel, John, Solomon and Judah Bacon, and his daughters Desire Green and Hannah Morton. He also mentioned his granddaughter, Hannah Morton's daughter, Mary Morton, and Hannah's male heirs, who were to share equally in one-eighth part of all of the housing and lands on Strawberry Hill. He mentioned his granddaughter, Mary Bacon, daughter of his deceased son, Isaac Bacon, and any possible child of Isaac's widow. He left some of his land to his grandsons, sons of his daughter, Desire Green, and he bequeathed his orchard in Barnstable to his son, Judah, with the fruit from five trees to go to Solomon, "if he lives in Barnstable." Other fruit was to go to Nathaniel Bacon, John Bacon and the heirs of Desire Green, for seven years. Son Judah Bacon received the house his father lived in.[9]

In March 1736/7, widow Sarah Bacon of Plymouth, "otherwise called Madam Sarah Bacon," relict of John Bacon, Esq., of Barnstable, sued her step-son, Judah Bacon, Barnstable yeoman, for failing to pay her £17 annually during her natural life or widowhood, as required by his covenant dated 20 October 1731. The jury found in favor of Sarah Bacon but judgement was reversed on appeal. In March 1742/3, widow Sarah Bacon of Plymouth sued Thankful Bacon of Barnstable, the widow of her step-son, Nathaniel Bacon, Jr., "Barnstable Innholder or yeoman," and executrix of Nathaniel's estate, for Nathaniel's share of payments promised to his step-mother, Sarah Bacon, for her right of Dower in her husband's estate.[10]

Children (**Bacon**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[11]

+94 i. **Hannah**[5], born 7 June 1687.
+95 ii. **Desire**, born 15 March 1688/9.
+96 iii. **Nathaniel**, born 16 January 1691/2.
iv. **Patience**, born 15 January 1694; not mentioned in father's will.
+97 v. **John**, born 24 March 1697.
+98 vi. **Isaac**, born 29 March 1699.
+99 vii. **Solomon**, born 3 April 1701.
+100 viii. **Judah/Jude**, born 9 December 1703.

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[An account of this family, with their children and grandchildren, was published by Elizabeth P. White and Roberta G. Bratti in *The Mayflower Quarterly* (Aug. 1984) 50:131-43.]

15. **John Hawes**[4], (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 14 May 1671,[1] the son of John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes. He may possibly have been the John Hawes who died in Providence, R.I., 27 December 1723,[2] but no proof has been found.

John Hawes of Yarmouth received a bequest in the will of his grandfather, Edmund Hawes, in 1692.[3] He was also mentioned in his father's will, dated 17 October 1701.[4] After that date, nothing further is known about this John Hawes of Yarmouth.

A man named John Hawes, who *might* have been the son of John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes, lived in Providence, R.I., where he married first, before 14 May 1708/9, a wife named Mary, who may possibly have been **Mary Edmond**.[5] She died before 1723,[6] the year her husband married, as his second wife, in Rehoboth, 26 November 1723 **Mary Mason** of Rehoboth.[7] As John's widow, Mary married, for her second husband, in Providence, R.I., 17 August 1728, John Dexter.[8] Mary died in February 1754.[9]

There is proof that a John Hawes/Hause/House was born in Providence and went to Cape Fear, North Carolina. But there is no proof that the John Hawes who was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 14 May 1791,[4] the son of John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes of Yarmouth, was the same person as the John Hawes/ Hause/House of Providence, who was called cordwainer, 19 October 1704,[10] and shoemaker, 16 February 1708/9,[11] and inn-

keeper, 8 January 1723/4,[12] or that it was John Hawes of Yarmouth who married Mary, possibly Mary Edmond. The last thing that can be proven about John Hawes of Yarmouth, son of John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes, is that he was mentioned in his father's will, 17 October 1701.[13] Therefore he was living on that date. Some scholars feel that the man in Providence records was a member of the House family because that is the way his name is usually spelled in Providence records.

Just before 1701 a John Hause/House/Hawes showed up in Providence records and became a very prosperous landholder and innkeeper. He named his two sons Edmond and John. The second son was apparently named "John" for himself. It has been claimed, without proof, that the first son might have been named "Edmond" for his grandfather, Edmund Hawes of Yarmouth, but it is also true that his mother may have been Mary *Edmond* and her first son may have been given his mother's maiden name. After John Hause/House/Hawes of Providence died, one of the bondsmen for his estate was Lt. William Edmond, possibly a brother of John Hause/House/Hawes's first wife who had been named as bondsman to protect the son's rights in their father's estate since their father had just recently remarried and the sons now had a new stepmother.[14]

The inventory of John Hause/House/Hawes's large estate amounted to £524-12-3. At a meeting of the Town Council held in Providence, 8 January 1723/4, it was stated, "Whereas mr John Hause of Providence . . . Inholder . . . died Intestate and Left a Considerable Esstate behind him which by the Law of this Colony fell into the Care of the Town Councill of Providence afore sd and where as his widdow mris Mary Hause hath Refused to take administration upon said Esstate: and his Eldest son Edmund Hause hath also shewed his willingness: that Administration should be Granted unto his brother John Hause upon said Esstate and there being an Inventory of sd Esstate already Exhibited . . . 8th day of January . . . Anno Dom 1723/4."[15]

Children (**Hause/House/Hawes**), born in Providence, R.I., both by his first wife, *not* proven descendants of *Mayflower* passenger, John Howland:[16]

i. **Edmond**, born before 1702; called "eldest son"; of legal age in 1723 when his father died, but refused to administer his father's estate.

ii. **John**, born before 1702; of legal age in 1723 when he was appointed administrator for his father's estate, 8 January 1723/4.

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16. **Joseph Hawes**[4] (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 16 July 1673,[1] the son of John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes. He died there 5 November 1752 (old style), 16 November 1752 (new style),[2] in his 80th year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth, with his two wives, Mary and Bethiah.

Joseph Hawes married first, in Yarmouth, about 1695 **Mary Howes**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth about 1672,[4] the daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Prence) Howes. Mary died in Yarmouth 10 January 1728/9, in her 58th year.[5]

Joseph Hawes married second, as her second husband, in Harwich (intentions) 19 March 1729/30 **Bethiah (Hall) Winslow**,[6] who was born in 1672,[7] the daughter of Gershom and Bethiah (Bangs) Hall. She was the widow of Kenelm Winslow, Jr. Bethiah died in Yarmouth 9 September 1745.[8]

Joseph Hawes married, third, in Harwich 3 July 1746 (intentions 14 June 1746) **Sarah (Howes) Hopkins**,[9] the daughter of Thomas Howes and widow of Stephen Hopkins.

Joseph Hawes was a deacon of the church, town clerk, treasurer and representative in the legislature.[10] His first wife, Mary Howes, was called Mary Hawes by her father, Jeremiah Howes, in his will dated 14 August 1708.[11]

Joseph Hawes of Yarmouth, yeoman, in his will dated 25 May 1752, probated 6 December 1752, mentioned his third wife, Sarah, giving her the furniture she had brought with her at their marriage. He listed his sons, Joseph, Prince and Edmund; his two grandsons, James Hawes and Thomas Hawes, and his two granddaughters, Mary Hawes and Hannah Hawes, children of his deceased son Thomas Hawes; his three grandsons, Jonathan Sears, Joseph Sears and Prince Sears, sons of his daughter, Elizabeth Sears, deceased; and his grandchildren, Daniel Parker and Mary Parker, children of his daughter, Mary Parker, deceased. He gave a chest "which was her deceased mother's" to Marcy Vincent. He gave ten shillings to his daughter, "the wife of Ebenezer Gorham, namely Temperance Gorham." The remainder was divided between his four sons, Edmund, Joseph, David and Prince Hawes, and his two grandsons, James and Thomas Hawes. Prince Hawes was named sole executor.[12]

Children (**Hawes**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., all by his first wife:[13]

+101 i. **Sarah**[5], born 1 April 1696.

+102 ii. **Elizabeth**, born 6 November 1697.

+103 iii. **Edmund**, born 13 June 1699.
+104 iv. **Thomas**, born 16 May 1701.
+105 v. **Joseph**, born 12 January 1702/3.
+106 vi. **Mary**, born 23 March 1703/4.
+107 vii. **Temperance**, born 31 December 1705.
+108 viii. **David**, born 10 October 1707.
+109 ix. **Prince**, born 29 December 1709.
+110 x. **Thankful**, born 16 April 1712.
ix. **Desire**, died 27 March 1715.[14]

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17. **Ebenezer Hawes**[4] (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 24 March 1678,[1] the son of John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes. He died in Yarmouth 7 October 1727 and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth, called "Capt."[2]

Ebenezer Hawes married in Edgartown, Mass., 23 February 1699/1700 **Sarah Norton**,[3] who was born in Edgartown in 1676,[4] the daughter of Isaac and Ruth (Bayes) Norton, Jr. Sarah died in Yarmouth 9 January 1741/2, in her 65th year and was buried with her husband in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.[5]

Ebenezer was a captain in the militia, a selectman for ten years, a coroner and an innkeeper. He moved to Chatham, Mass., about 1706 and then moved to Edgartown, later returning to Yarmouth about 1720, where he served as a representative in the legislature for five years.[6]

Capt. Ebenezer Hawes died intestate and his widow, Sarah, was appointed as the administratrix of the estate, 14 March 1727/8. Division of the estate was made 8 January 1733. Sarah received her dower of one-third, the other two-thirds being divided among the surviving six sons and two daughters. The eldest son, John Hawes, received a double share which included the east end of the dwelling house. Son Ebenezer Hawes received the easternmost land in Chatham. Son Isaac Hawes was given the west chamber in the dwelling house and one-third of the meadow at Chase's Garden. Son Benjamin was given the westernmost land in Chatham. Son Bayes Hawes received the shop at the east end of the house, with permission to remove it. He was also given a "house spot in the Barnfield," with an acre at Chase's Garden. Son Jacob Hawes was

given all of the remainder of the land beyond the brook which was not set off to his mother and to Isaac and Bayes. On 21 January 1733, John Hedge, Jr., and his wife, Desire, and Joseph Thacher and his wife, Ruth, all of Yarmouth, signed that they had already received their full portions due them from their father's estate.[7]

On 22 January 1729/30, Ebenezer Hawes of Yarmouth, cordwainer, was appointed guardian of Benjamin and Solomon Hawes, minor sons of Mr. Ebenezer Hawes, late of Yarmouth.[8]

Widow Sarah Hawes, in her will dated 29 December 1741, probated 11 February 1741/2, gave her son John Hawes £10. She gave her wearing apparel to her two daughters, Desire Hedge and Ruth Thacher. The remainder of her estate was divided into six equal parts and bequeathed to the children of her son, Ebenezer Hawes, "lately deceased," when they came of age; to her daughter, Desire Hedge; to her son Isaac Hawes; to her daughter Ruth Thacher; to her grandson Benjamin, son of her son Benjamin Hawes, deceased; and to her son Bayes Hawes. Son Jacob Hawes was not mentioned and must have died without a wife or children. Son Bayes Hawes and son-in-law Joseph Thacher were named as executors. Widow Sarah Hawes signed her will with her mark.[9]

On 25 January 1741, an inventory of that part of the estate that belonged to Mrs. Sarah Hawes, relict widow of Ebenezer Hawes, was made by John Hallett, Esq., Josiah Gorham and Samuel Hallett, yeomen, "Sarah now being deceased."[10]

Children (Hawes), first four born in Yarmouth, Mass., rest born in Chatham/Monomoy/Manan, Mass.:[11]

i. **Jabez**[5], born 13 September 1700, died between 1719 and 1728; not mentioned in parents' probate records.

+111 ii. **John**, born 3 May 1702.

+112 iii. **Desire**, born 22 March 1704.

+113 iv. **Ebenezer**, born 15 July 1705.

+114 v. **Isaac**, born 10 August 1707.

+115 vi. **Ruth**, born 3 February 1708/9.

+116 vii. **Benjamin**, born 13 October 1710.

viii. **Solomon**, born 6 July 1712, died between 1729 and 1733; not named in the division of his father's estate.

+117 ix. **Bayes/Bays**, born about 1714; named in parents' probate records.

x. **Jacob**, born about 1716, died between 8 January 1733, when his father's estate was settled, and 29 December 1741, the date of his mother's will.

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18. **Isaac Hawes**[4] (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 9 March 1679/80,[1] the son of John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes. He died in Chatham, Mass., before 18 March 1730/1, the date administration was granted on his intestate estate.[2]

Isaac Hawes married in Yarmouth, 8 January 1700/1, as her first husband, **Bethiah Howes**[3], who was born in Yarmouth about 1680,[4] the daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Prence) Howes. Bethiah was called "Mrs. Bethiah Hawes" when she married second, as his second wife, in Eastham, Mass., (intentions) 11 April 1741 "Mr. John Smith" of Eastham,[5] the son of John and Hannah (Williams) Smith.[6] John Smith died before 21 January 1742, the date his will was probated.[7] By his first wife, named Sarah, John Smith had nine children, Hannah, Joseph, Sarah, Williams, Lidia, Seth, Elizabeth, Rebecca and John,[8] all descendants of *Mayflower* passenger Stephen Hopkins but not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Bethiah married third, in Harwich, Mass., 16 November 1743, the Rev. Joseph Lord of Chatham, Mass.,[9] who died in Chatham 6 June 1748.[10] Bethiah was named as one of the executors of Joseph Lord's will, dated 7 March 1746/7, proved 30 June 1748.[11] Bethiah died in Chatham before 7 July 1748, the date her son, John Hawes, was named administrator of what was left of the estate of his father, Isaac Hawes, who had died in 1730/1.[12]

Bethiah's father, Jeremiah Howes of Yarmouth, mentioned her as his daughter, Bethiah Hawse (*sic*), in his will.[13] Bethiah and her sister, Mary Howes, married brothers, Isaac and Joseph Hawes.

Isaac Hawes was a lieutenant of the military company. He moved to Chatham about 1712. The *History of Chatham* states that all of the Haweses of Chatham are descended from Isaac, not from his brother, Ebenezer.[14]

Isaac died intestate. The administration of his estate was granted to his widow, Bethiah Hawes, 18 March 1730. On 26 July 1733, one-third of Isaac's housing and land in Barnstable was set off to his widow as her dower. On 3 September 1733, land and a dwelling house in Chatham was also laid out to the widow.[15]

Bethiah's second husband, Mr. John Smith of Eastham, in his will probated 21 January 1742, mentioned Bethiah along with his children by his first wife, Joseph, Williams, Seth and John Smith, and his daughters, Hannah Smith, Elizabeth Brown and Rebecca Brown, and his granddaughter, Priscilla Harding. This will was witnessed by Nathaniel Smith, Abigail Smith and Ralph Smith. John Smith also mentioned land which he had inherited from his Grandfather Williams.[16]

Bethiah's third husband, the Rev. Joseph Lord, pastor of the Church of Christ in Chatham, named Bethiah in his will, dated 7 March 1746/7, proved 30 June 1748.[17]

Bethiah died soon after her third husband for, on 7 July 1748, John Hawes, Bethiah's son by her first husband, was named as the administrator of the estate of his father, "Isaac Hawes of Chatham, deceased, now insolvent." Fifteen years earlier, in 1733, one-third of her first husband's estate had been set off as her dower to Isaac's widow, Bethiah, "who is now deceased." The same information was recorded again 2 July 1751.[18] The purpose of the delayed administration was to settle Bethiah's dower from her first husband's estate on her children, who were all from her first marriage to Isaac Hawes.

Children (**Hawes**), first six born in Yarmouth, Mass., last one born in Chatham, Mass.:[19]

+118 i. **Bethiah**[5], born in July 1701.
+119 ii. **Isaac**, born in April 1703.
+120 iii. **Thankful**, born in March 1705.
+121 iv. **John**, born 22 January 1706/7.
v. **Desire**, born 14 January 1708/9; no further record.
+122 vi. **Jeremiah**, born 5 April 1711.
+123 vii. **Sarah**, born 31 May 1719 (Bible record).

Note 1: The Gorham MS and Smith's *History of Chatham* mention a daughter, Hannah Hawes, who may have married John Slater in Chatham, 21 February 1749/50 (intentions 12 February 1749/50), and then, called "Mrs. Hannah Slater of Chatham," married Mr. Nathaniel Mirick of Harwich, in Harwich (intentions) 8 March 1766. Since there is no proof of her birth, and since she apparently had no children, she has not been included in this family.

Note 2: The Gorham MS, but not the *History of Chatham*, mentions a daughter, Patience Hawes, who may have married, first, Lemuel Hunt, and then another husband who has not been identified. She moved away and nothing further is known about her. Since there is no circumstantial evidence, nor actual proof of her birth, she has not been included here in

this family. A Lemuel Hunt was mentioned in *The Diary of Simeon Perkins of Liverpool, Nova Scotia*, but no connection could be made.

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19. **Desire Hawes**[4] (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., the last of February, 1681,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes. She died in Provincetown, Mass., 8 February 1723/4, in her 40th year (*sic*);[2] [she would actually have been 42 years of age, and in her 43rd year].

Desire Hawes married first, in Yarmouth 24 February 1701/2 **Josiah Hatch,**[3] who was born in Scituate, Mass., 30 May 1680,[4] the son of Samuel Hatch and his wife, Mary Doty, a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Doty. Josiah Hatch died in Rochester, Mass., 12 January 1714/5, aged 34 years.[5]

Desire married second, in Rochester, Mass., 19 June 1719 **John Cowing, Jr.,**[6] who was born in Scituate 10 July 1662,[7] the son of John and Rebecca (——) (Man) Cowing/Cowen. John Cowing had married first, Deborah Litchfield, by whom he had Sarah, Joseph, John, Joshua, Caleb, Israel and Mary Cowing, not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. John Cowing died after December 1729.[8]

Josiah Hatch died intestate 12 January 1714, according to Plymouth County court records. On 30 March 1715, Desire Hatch, "Relict widow of Josiah Hatch, Late of Rochester . . . deceased . . . Intestate," was appointed administratrix of his estate. On 1 May 1724, three months after her death, Desire's second husband, "John Cowing of Cape-Cod in ye County of Barnstable" was appointed "administrator de bonis non on the estate of Josiah Hatch late of Rochester."[9]

On 11 September 1727, "John Cowing of Province-Town," as the administrator, sold the house and land of Josiah Hatch in Rochester to Joshua Cowing of Rochester, and acknowledged the deed the next day.[10]

The next year Josiah Hatch's father, Samuel Hatch, in his will dated 13 June 1728, named his grandchildren, the children of his son, Josiah,

deceased, as Edmond, Jabez, Josiah, Desire, Zurviah and Mary, and gave them lands in the township of Rochester.[11]

At the General Session Court held in Plymouth in September 1729, "John Cowen" was imprisoned for debt for eight months. The Court ordered his children, John Cowen of Provincetown, and Joshua, Caleb and Israel Cowen of Rochester, to show cause why they should not support their father. In December 1729 John Cowen admitted that he had conveyed his estate to his children after he had contracted the debt for which he was imprisoned. Therefore the Court denied him the Oath by Law for Poor Pensioners.[12]

In a lawsuit filed in the Plymouth County Court of Common Pleas, dated in May 1748, concerning land that had been owned by Desire's first husband, Josiah Hatch, in Rochester, the heirs of Josiah and Desire (Hawes) Hatch were listed as Edmund Hatch, Scituate coaster; Jabez Hatch, Gent., of Boston; Josiah Hatch, Pembroke coaster; John Cooke of Middleto[w]n, Connecticut, husbandman, and Desire, his wife; John Polley, Dudley housewright, and Mary, his wife; "together with Zerizah Hatch . . . since maried Joshua Cooke."[13]

Children (Hatch), all by her first husband, Josiah Hatch, born in Rochester, Mass.:[14]

+124 i. **Desire**[5], born 3 February 1703.
+125 ii. **Edmund**, born 10 July 1705.
+126 iii. **Zerviah/Suraiah**, born 10 September 1707.
+127 iv. **Jabez**, born 21 May 1709.
v. **Ebenezer**, born 8 March 1710/11; must have died young; not mentioned in grandfather's will in 1728.
+128 vi. **Josiah**, born about 1711; mentioned in grandfather's will in 1728; named in Plymouth County court record.
+129 vii. **Mary**, born about 1714; mentioned in grandfather's will in 1728; named in Plymouth County court record.

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20. **Benjamin Hawes**[4] (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 20 March 1682,[1] the son of John and Desire

(Gorham) Hawes. He died in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., between 15 October 1722 and 28 November 1722.[2]

Benjamin Hawes married in Edgartown 24 July 1705 **Dorcas Smith**,[3] who was born in Edgartown about 1687,[4] the daughter of Benjamin and Jedidah (Mayhew) Smith. Widow Dorcas Hawes married second, in Edgartown 22 December 1724, as his third wife, John Worth,[5] the son of William and Sarah (Macy) Worth, by whom she had John Worth, born 14 September 1725, Sarah Worth, born 5 November 1727, and Dorcas Worth, born 6 July 1730, not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. John Worth had married first, Miriam Gardner, and second, Mrs. Ann (Platts) (Clay) Sarson.[6] Dorcas died in Edgartown 4 August 1730, called "wife of John Worth, Esq."[7]

Benjamin Hawes lived in Edgartown and was an attorney, Justice of the Peace and coroner for Dukes County.[8] His estate was valued at £913-9-2. In his will probated 24 January 1722/3, he mentioned his wife, Dorcas, and their unborn child, and bequeathed his silver-headed cane and his seal ring to his eldest son, Benjamin. He gave the great Bible that was his mother's to his eldest daughter, Experience. He gave his two sons, Benjamin and Samuel, part of his land at Chappaquidick. He gave land in Edgartown to his unborn child, if it were a son. He made provision for his two daughters, Experience and Jedidah, and the unborn child, if it were a girl. The witnesses were Daniel Greenleaf, Shubael Gorham, Ebenezer Hawes and Desire Hawes.[9] Nine years later, on 14 February 1731/2, recorded 25 March 1732, Benjamin Hawes, Esq., of Edgartown, was named administrator de bonis non for his father's estate, "Mrs. Dorcas Hawes, widow and executrix having also deceased."[10] Note that widow Dorcas Hawes had married John Worth of Edgartown in 1724 and had died there 4 August 1730, as the wife of John Worth. The reason for naming her eldest son, Benjamin Hawes, as the administrator of his father's estate at this time was to divide his mother's dower rights in the estate of her first husband, Benjamin Hawes, among her Hawes children. Naming her as "Mrs. Dorcas Hawes" in the court record, not as Mrs. Dorcas Worth, confirmed that it was her first husband's estate that was being divided among her Hawes children, and the three children she had by John Worth were not eligible to share in Benjamin Hawes's estate.

Children (**Hawes**), born in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.:[11]

+130 i. **Experience**[5], born 14 November 1706.
+131 ii. **Jedidah**, born 30 July 1709.
+132 iii. **Benjamin**, born 25 April 1712.
+133 iv. **Samuel**, born 25 February 1717/8.
v. **Shubael**, born in August 1721, died 12 March 1722/3.
+134 vi. **Shubael**, born 22 December 1722, posthumous.

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21. **Experience Hawes**[4] (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 24 September 1686,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Gorham) Hawes. Experience died in Middleboro, Mass., 19 November 1758, in her 74th year (*sic*), called "widow of Francis Miller, formerly widow of Lt. Ebenezer Sproat."[2]

Experience married first, in Yarmouth 1 March 1703/4 **Ebenezer Sproat**,[3] who was born in Scituate, Mass., in May 1676,[4] the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Sampson) Sproat, a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Henry Sampson. Lt. Ebenezer Sproat died in Middleboro 28 September 1726, in his 52nd year (*sic*).[5]

Experience married second, in Middleboro 22 November 1731 **Francis Miller**,[6] who was born in Middleboro 11 January 1702/3,[7] the son of John Miller and his wife, Lydia Coombs, a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Degory Priest. Francis Miller died in Middleboro between 29 October 1746 and 6 April 1747.[8]

Ebenezer Sproat, called "Lt.," lived first in Scituate, where all of his children were born, moving to Middleboro between 1721 and 1726. In his will dated 8 September 1726, Ebenezer Sproat of Middleboro, gentleman, named his beloved wife, Experience Sproat, his eldest son Ebenezer, his son James, and his three daughters, Thankful Bennett, Abigail Sproat and Mary Sproat. Executors were his brother, James Sproat and his wife, Experience.[9]

Children (**Sproat**), born in Scituate, Mass.:[10]

+135 i. **Thankful**[5], born 28 November 1705, bapt. 22 July 1711.

+136 ii. **Abigail**, born 15 September 1709, bapt. 22 July 1711.

+137 iii. **Mary**, bapt. 14 August 1715.

+138 iv. **Ebenezer**, born about 1717, bapt. in First Church of Middleboro, 21 May 1727; step-father, Francis Miller, appointed his guardian in 1732.

+139 v. **James**, born 11 April 1722 (old style); birth date from tombstone, Burying Ground, Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., with place given as Scituate; brother-in-law Joseph Bennett appointed as his guardian 21 May 1735.

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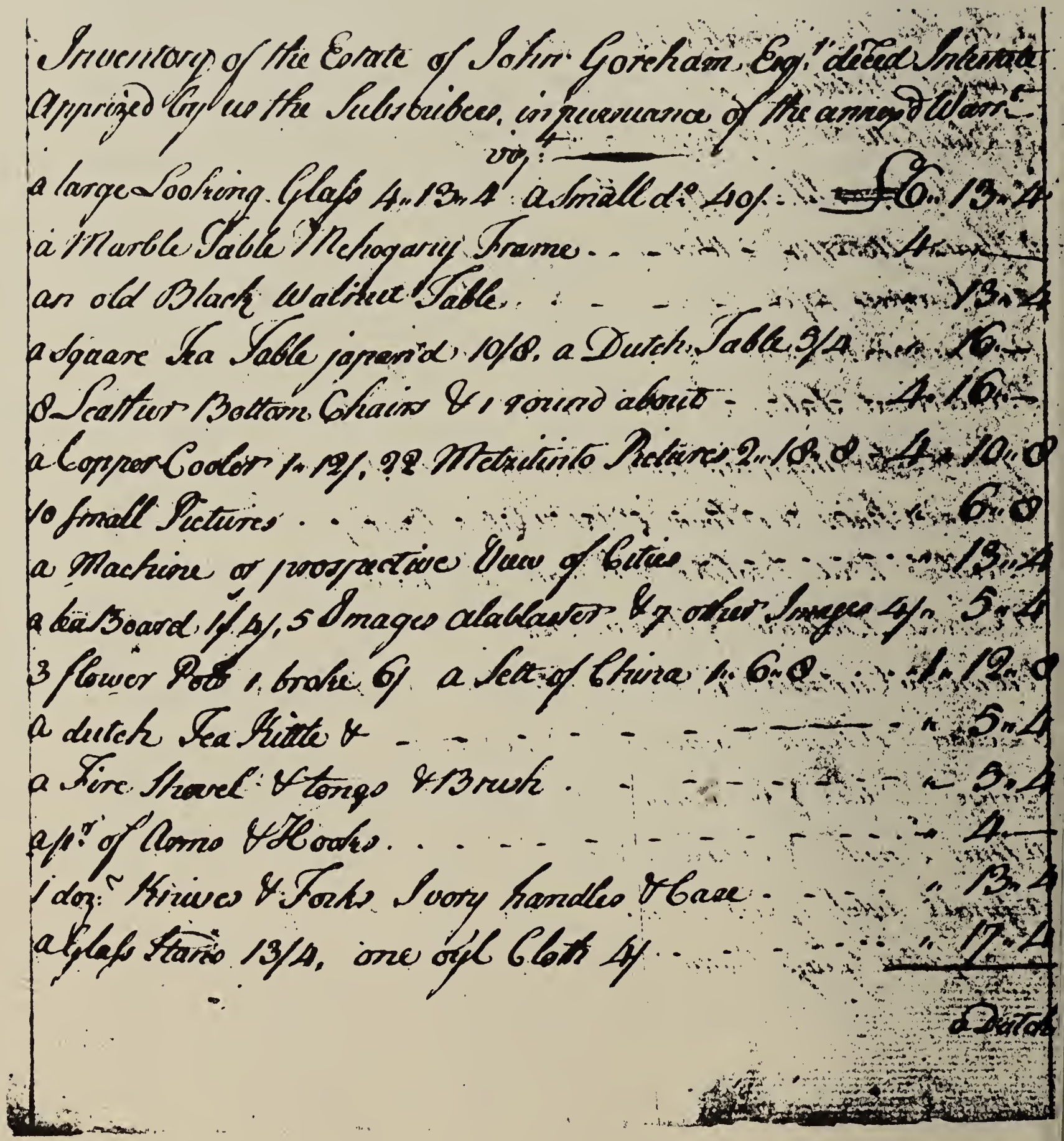

Inventory of the Estate of John Gorham Esq.r dec.d Intestate
Apprized by us the Subscribers, in pursuance of the annex'd Warr.t
viz.t

a large Looking Glass 4..13..4 a Small d.o 40/	£6..13..4
a Marble Table Mehogany Frame	4..
an old Black Walnut Table	13..4
a Square Tea Table japan'd 10/8. a Dutch Table 3/4	16..
8 Leather Bottom Chairs & 1 round about	4..16..
a Copper Cooler 1..12/, 22 Metzitinto Pictures 2..18..8	4..10..8
10 small Pictures	6..8
a Machine or prospective View of Cities	13..4
a tea Board 1/4/, 5 Images alablaster & 7 other Images 4/	5..4
3 flower Pots 1 broke 6/ a Sett of China 1..6..8	1..12..8
a dutch Tea Kittle &	5..4
a Fire Shovel & tongs & Brush	5..4
a p.r of Arms & Hooks	4..
1 doz.n Knives & Forks Ivory handles & Case	13..4
a Glass Stand 13/4, one oyl Cloth 4/	17..4

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Fig. 5. Portion of the inventory of the estate of John Gorham, Esq., of Boston, Mass., who died in London in December 1751/2. From Suffolk Co. Prob. #9997, 47:171-75. [For his family see #263, pp. 352-54.]

5. The Children of Temperance Gorham[3]

22. **Joseph Sturgis**[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., in 1664,[1] the son of Edward and Temperance (Gorham) Sturgis. He died in Yarmouth 16 March 1746/7.[2]

Joseph Sturgis married, probably in Barnstable, Mass., about 1693 **Hope Taylor,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 24 October 1674,[4] the daughter of Jasper and Hannah (FitzRandolph) Taylor. Hope died in Yarmouth 13 April 1705.[5]

Joseph Sturgis, as the eldest son, received £20 more than his brothers and sisters when the intestate estate of his father, Edward Sturgis, Jr., was settled 5 April 1694, and recorded 8 May 1694. His share included the dwelling house and barn with more than two acres adjoining it. He also received five acres in Yarmouth "near Chase's garden," as part of the "first division."[6]

Joseph Sturgis was a cordwainer and lived in Yarmouth. In 1690 he was a member of Sir William Phips's Expedition to Canada.[7] In his will dated 19 February 1741, probated 8 April 1747, Joseph Sturgis gave his daughter, Thankful Sturgis, £50 to be paid over five years. The remainder of his estate, real and personal, was given equally to his other two daughters Hannah and Fear Sturgis, who were made joint executrices. The inventory amounted to £91-0-0.[8]

Children (**Sturgis**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

i. **Jasper,**[5] born 1 April 1694, died 14 November 1707.
ii. **Temperance,** born 6 September 1696, died 21 November 1696.
iii. **Thankful,** born 15 July 1698, died unmarried in Yarmouth before 16 October 1762, the date Peter Thacher of Yarmouth, Gentleman, was named administrator of her estate.[10]
iv. **Hannah,** born 30 July 1701, unmarried when she was named as an executrix of her father's will; mentioned when the inventory was filed 13 May 1747;[11] no further record.
v. **Fear,** born 15 January 1704/5, married, as his second wife, in Yarmouth 24 April 1755 **William Long** of Harwich,[12] who was born in the west of England and died in Harwich 26 February 1766.[13] His first wife was Bridget Eldredge by whom he had one son, William Long, not a descendant of *Mayflower* pas-

senger John Howland. William Long, yeoman, in his will dated 13 January 1760, gave 24 shillings to his son, William Long, and all of the remainder of his estate to his loving wife, Fear, who was made sole executrix. Witnesses were Ebenezer Taylor, Joseph Rider and Judah Thacher.[14] Fear and William Long did not have any children. Her date of death is not known.

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23. **Samuel Sturgis**[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., about 1665,[1] the son of Edward and Temperance (Gorham) Sturgis. He died in Yarmouth 12 January 1736/7.[2]

Samuel Sturgis, aged 35, married in Yarmouth 17 October 1700 **Marcy Howes**, aged 19,[3] who was born in Yarmouth in 1681,[4] the daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Prence) Howes. Marcy died in Yarmouth 28 August 1723, in her 42nd year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery.[5]

Samuel Sturgis was given the "fourth" division of the intestate estate of his father, Edward Sturgis, Jr., dated 5 April 1694, recorded 8 May 1694. His share consisted of the orchard, marshland and swamp. In addition, he received £20, to be paid by his brother, Edward, "of the second division."[6]

Marcy Sturgis was mentioned in the will of her father, Jeremiah Howes, along with her brothers, Prince and Ebenezer Howes. Her father called Marcy's husband, Samuel Sturgis, "my son," and named Samuel Sturgis as one of the executors of his estate.[7]

Samuel Sturgis, Esq., was a merchant and Town Clerk for twenty-nine years in Yarmouth, and representative from 1705 to 1732.[8] In his will dated 29 June 1736, probated 17 February 1736, Samuel gave his gold seal ring to his son, John Sturgis. He gave land to sons Prince, Samuel and Thomas Sturgis, and he gave his dwelling house to sons Samuel and Thomas. Daughter Hannah Quinsey was given £1000, in addition to what she had already received. Samuel gave a gold buckle and a silver tankard to his son Thomas, and a silver tankard of the same weight to son Prince. He also gave £80 to the Rev. Mr. Thomas Smith, and £200 to the poor of Yarmouth. All of the remainder of the estate was divided among his four

sons, John, Samuel, Thomas and Prince. Witnesses were Benjamin Thacher, Elisha Whelden and John Thacher.[9]

Children (**Sturgis**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[10]

i. Unnamed daughter, born 10 July 1701, died young.
ii. **Sarah**[5], born 24 March 1703, died 3 May 1706.
+140 iii. **John**, born 6 November 1704.
+141 iv. **Samuel**, born 28 October 1706.
+142 v. **Thomas**, born 25 November 1709.
+143 vi. **Hannah**, born 1 January 1711/2.
+144 vii. **Prince**, born 11 September 1715.
viii. **Marcy**, born 30 December 1718, died in Yarmouth 20 February 1718/9.

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[An article on this family, their children and grandchildren was published by Roberta G. Bratti, Ralph V. Wood, Jr., and Elizabeth P. White in the *The Mayflower Quarterly* (Nov. 1985) 51:184-93.]

24. **Desire Sturgis**[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., about 1666,[1] the daughter of Edward and Temperance (Gorham) Sturgis. She died in Barnstable, Mass., 29 March 1749, in her 84th year.[2]

Desire Sturgis married first, probably in Barnstable about 1685 **Thomas Dimmock**,[3] who was born in Barnstable in April 1664,[4] the son of Shubael and Joanna (Bursley) Dimmock. Thomas Dimmock died 9 September 1697 at the Battle of Canso, aged 33 years.[5]

Desire married second, in Barnstable 10 November 1698 **John Thacher**,[6] who was born in Yarmouth, 28 January 1674/5,[7] the son of John and Rebecca (Winslow) Thacher. The Hon. John Thacher died in Barnstable 26 March 1764, in his 90th year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable.[8]

Desire Sturgis was not mentioned by name in her parents' probate records. Only her brothers were actually named, with Desire and her sisters being called simply "and daughters." Desire was certainly named for her grandmother, Desire Howland, and for her aunt, Desire Gorham. Additional proof has been found in the will of widow Elizabeth Hore of Yarmouth, dated 22 October 1680, who bequeathed her largest pewter

dish "to Desier Sturges eldest Daughter to Temperance Baxter." John Thacher and Temperance Baxter witnessed the will in the presence of Thomas Hinckley, Deputy Governor.[9] Calling Desire Sturgis the eldest daughter of Temperance Baxter clearly identifies Desire Sturgis as the daughter of Temperance Gorham and her first husband, Edward Sturgis. Temperance was married to her second husband, Thomas Baxter, at the time widow Elizabeth Hore made her will.

Desire's first husband, Capt. Thomas Dimmock, was a whaler and a colonel in the militia.[10] He died intestate. Widow Desire Dimmock was appointed administratrix of his estate 20 August 1698. The inventory was filed 12 September 1698. Desire received her widow's thirds, and the eldest son, Edward Dimmock received a double share. One share each went to son Thomas Dimmock and to daughters Mehitable, Temperance and Desire.[11]

Desire's second husband, John Thacher, was register of deeds in Barnstable County for about thirty years, and for many years he was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He was a selectman for twelve years, and he was the colonel of his regiment.[12]

In his will dated 27 May 1763, probated 20 April 1764, John Thacher mentioned his daughter, Abigail Hallett; his son Rowland; the children of his daughter, Fear Lewis, deceased, including Elizabeth Penfield, "and each of the others as they arrive at 21 years"; the children of his granddaughter, Mary Lothrop, deceased; the children of his grandson, Lot Thacher, deceased; and funds to be given to his granddaughter-in-law, Martha Thacher, while she remained Lot's widow. All of the rest was bequeathed to his son, John Thacher, Jr., who was named executor. The witnesses were Peter Thacher, Elizabeth Dimmock and Lydia Bacon, "once Lydia Gorham."[13]

Children (**Dimmock**), by her first husband, Thomas Dimmock, born in Barnstable, Mass.:[14]

+145 i. **Mehitable**[5], born in October 1686.
+146 ii. **Temperance**, born in June 1689.
+147 iii. **Edward**, born 5 July 1692.
+148 iv. **Thomas**, born 25 December 1694.
+149 v. **Desire**, born in February 1696.

Children (**Thacher**), by her second husband, John Thacher, born in Barnstable:[15]

+150 vi. **Abigail**, born 2 November 1699.
+151 vii. **Elizabeth**, born 27 June 1701.
+152 viii. **John**, born 25 June 1703.
+153 ix. **Lot**, born 23 May 1705.
+154 x. **Fear**, born 28 March 1707.

+155 xi. **Rowland**, born 28 August 1710.

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25. **James Sturgis**[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., in 1668/9,[1] the son of Edward and Temperance (Gorham) Sturgis. He died in Yarmouth 3 January 1717/8, in his 49th year (*sic*), and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery there.[2]

James Sturgis married, probably in Yarmouth, in 1689/90 **Rebecca Thacher**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 1 June 1669,[4] the daughter of John and Rebecca (Winslow) Thacher. Rebecca married second, in Yarmouth between February and June, 1721, Ebenezer Lewis,[5] who was born in Barnstable, Mass., 20 December 1666, the son of James and Sarah (Lane) Lewis. Ebenezer Lewis married first, Anna Lothrop, by whom he had Sarah, Susannah, James, Ebenezer, Hannah, Lothrop, George, Nathaniel, John, David and Abigail Lewis, not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[6] Rebecca died in Barnstable, Mass., 10 April 1734, aged 65 years.[7]

James Sturgis shared in the intestate estate of his father, Edward Sturgis, dated 5 April 1684, and recorded 8 May 1684. His share was called "the third division," containing upland and swamp near the "prime field Barrs," and bounded by the lands of Edward Sturges, Sr., Elisha Hedge, and Palmer's Swamp.[8]

James Sturgis lost all of his possessions in a fire that destroyed his house in the winter of 1717/8. He died intestate, 3 January 1717/8, perhaps as the result of the fire. The inventory of his real estate was filed three years later, 10 February 1721/2, and amounted to £173-3-6.[9] His widow, "now Rebecca Lewis," was appointed administratrix of the estate. James Sturgis, called "only son," received the largest share. Also mentioned were the "two eldest daughters," Hannah Matthews and Bethiah Freeman, the "youngest daughter," Elizabeth, and daughter Thankful Hallett.[10] On 22 February 1721/2, Rebecca's brother-in-law, Edward Sturgis, was named guardian of Rebecca's son, James Sturgis, "being a minor of about fifteen years," and Capt. John Thacher of Barnstable was named guardian of Elizabeth Sturgis, aged about 18 years.[11]

On 18 February 1724/5, Lt. Ebenezer Lewis and Mr. Edward Sturgis filed an accounting of the estate of James Sturgis, son of James Sturgis, deceased, who died in his minority, leaving four heirs, his mother, Rebecca Lewis, and his sisters, Hannah Matthews, wife of John Matthews, Bethiah Freeman, wife of Isaac Freeman, and Elizabeth Sturgis, "being personally present."[12]

Rebecca (Thacher) (Sturgis) Lewis was admitted to the Barnstable East Precinct Church 6 March 1725/6.[13]

Children (**Sturgis**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[14]

i. **Rebecca**[5], born 30 October 1690, died young; not in father's probate records.
+156 ii. **Hannah**, born 3 March 1693.
+157 iii. **Bethiah**, born 19 February 1695/6.
iv. **Temperance**, born 31 July 1697, died in Yarmouth 2 January 1705/6.[15]
+158 v. **Thankful**, born 2 September 1701.
+159 vi. **Elizabeth**, born in December 1703.
vii. **James**, born 13 October 1707, died 8 January 1723/4, drowned in his 17th year.[16]
viii. ?**Fear**, died young; not in father's probate records.

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26. **Edward Sturgis**[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., in 1673,[1] the son of Edward and Temperance (Gorham) Sturgis. He died in Yarmouth 1 June 1738, in his 66th year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.[2]

Edward Sturgis married in Yarmouth 25 November 1703 **Mehitable Hallett**,[3] who was born in Sandwich, Mass., in 1684,[4] the daughter of Jonathan and Abigail (Dexter) Hallett. Mehitable died in Yarmouth 20 or 21 January 1744, in her 59th year (*sic*), and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.[5]

Edward Sturgis shared in the division of the intestate estate of his father, dated 5 April 1694, recorded 8 May 1694. His share, called the second division, included half of Joyce's Neck, upland near Chase's garden

and land near Elisha Hedge's land. He also was required to pay his brother, Samuel, 20 shillings in money.[6]

Mehitable's father, Jonathan Hallett, called his daughter, "Mehitable Sturgis," in his will.[7]

Edward Sturgis died intestate. The court gave his widow, Mehitable, a life interest in the estate, appraised at £490 old tenor.[8] In her will, proved 13 February 1744, Mehitable Sturgis "of Yarmouth, innholder," mentioned her son, Edward, and her daughters Abigail Sturgis, Jerusha Howes, Mary Gorham and Mehitable Hinckley.[9] On 11 April 1745, her dower third interest in the real estate of her husband, Edward Sturgis, was divided among his heirs. Edward Sturgis, the only son, was assigned all of the real estate, with the provision that he was to pay £70 to each of his sisters or their heirs, named as Heman Stone, guardian of the children of his sister, Temperance Stone, deceased; to his sister Abigail Sturgis; to his sister Jerusha Howes, wife of Samuel Howes; to his sister Mary Gorham, wife of Benjamin Gorham; and to Mehitable Hinckley, wife of Ebenezer Hinckley. Receipts for their portions were signed the same day by Abigail Sturgis, Samuel Howes and his wife, Jerusha Howes, Benjamin Gorham and his wife, Mary Gorham, and Ebenezer Hinckley, Jr., and his wife, Mehitable Hinckley. Jonathan Hallett, the brother of Mehitable Sturgis, and her son-in-law, Samuel Howes, were named executors. Witnesses were Thomas Bray, Thomas Hedge and Lemuel Merchant.[10]

Children (**Sturgis**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[11]

i. Unnamed son, born 2 January 1704/5, died 25 February 1704/5.

+160 ii. **Abigail**[5], born 25 October 1706.

+161 iii. **Temperance**, born 29 October 1708.

+162 iv. **Edward**, born 24 July 1710.

v. **Jonathan**, born 7 July 1712, died 28 July 1712.

vi. **Jonathan**, born 15 December 1714, died 4 April 1715.

+163 vii. **Jerusha**, born 21 February 1716/7.

viii. **Mehitable**, born 16 February 1718/9, died 20 March 1718/9.

ix. **Benjamin**, born 1 July 1720, died 7 July 1720.

+164 x. **Mary**, born 8 May 1722.

+165 xi. **Mehitable**, born 17 November 1723.

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27. **Thankful Sturgis**[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 20 May 1675,[1] the daughter of Edward and Temperance (Gorham) Sturgis. Thankful died in Yarmouth 1 May 1745, "in her 71st year."[2]

Thankful Sturgis married in Yarmouth about 1693 **Peter Thacher**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 20 May 1665,[4] the son of Col. John Thacher and his first wife, Rebecca Winslow. Peter Thacher died in Yarmouth 12 February 1735/6, aged 70 years.[5]

Thankful Sturgis was one of the unnamed daughters mentioned in the probate records for her father's intestate estate. Proof that she belongs in this family was found in the will of Thankful's husband, Peter Thacher, who mentioned his mother-in-law, "Mother Baxter," calling his wife's mother by the name of her second husband, Thomas Baxter.[6]

Peter Thacher was a representative to the General Court, a Justice of the Peace, First Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, selectman, and town treasurer.[7]

In his will dated 6 January 1735/6, probated 26 February 1735/6, the Hon. Peter Thacher, Esq., mentioned his loving wife, Thankful, his mother-in-law, "Mother Baxter," his grandson, Peter Hallett, his son Peter Thacher, his son-in-law, George Lewis, whom he called "son," and his four daughters, Thankful Hallett, Sarah Lewis, Temperance Crocker, and Hannah Thacher. He named his wife, Thankful, and his son, Peter, as joint executors. Witnesses were John Thacher, Judah Thacher and John Thacher, Jr.[8]

Thankful Thacher, in her will dated 13 February 1745, probated 8 May 1745, made bequests to her daughters, Thankful Hallett and Sarah Lewis, to her son, Peter Thacher, to her grandson Thomas Crocker, only surviving son of her daughter, Temperance Crocker, and to her grandson, John Hallett, Jr. All of the remaining estate was to go to her daughter, Hannah Thacher, who was named executrix. Witnesses were Thomas Baxter, Jr., Joseph Thacher and Sarah Thacher.[9]

Children (**Thacher**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[10]

+166 i. **Thankful**[5], born 13 January 1693/4.
ii. **Peter**, born 11 December 1695, died in infancy.
iii. Unnamed son, born 20 July 1703, died 22 July 1703.
+167 iv. **Sarah**, born 2 February 1708/9.
+168 v. **Temperance**, born 16 September 1711.
+169 vi. **Peter**, born 24 August 1712.
vii. **Hannah**, born 10 August 1715, died 14 June 1748, unmarried, in her 33rd year.

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28. **Fear Sturgis**[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., about 1678,[1] the daughter of Edward and Temperance (Gorham) Sturgis. Fear died in Stonington, Conn., 22 June 1753.[2]

Fear Sturgis, called "of Yarmouth," married in Yarmouth 21 November 1698 **Joshua Holmes** of New London,"[3] who was born in Westerly, R.I., 29 August 1678,[4] the son of Joshua and Abigail (Ingraham) (Cheseborough) Holmes. Joshua Holmes died in Stonington 23 November 1729.[5]

Fear Sturgis was the last child of Edward Sturgis and his wife, Temperance Gorham. When the estate of her father, Edward Sturgis, was settled, his "widow and daughters" were mentioned but not named, although his four sons were named as Joseph, Samuel, James and Edward Sturgis. Fear Sturgis may have been given the unusual name of "Fear" because her father was dying or was already dead, making her mother "fear" for the future, a common reason for unusual names of that period. Fear's brothers, Joseph and James, and her sister, Desire, named daughters "Fear," apparently in her honor. Fear and her husband named their second daughter "Temperance" for her mother, Temperance (Gorham) (Sturgis) Baxter. And finally, Fear Sturgis was called "of Yarmouth" when she married Joshua Holmes "of New London."[6]

Of the nine children of Joshua Holmes and Fear Sturgis, all of the sons were living when Fear made her will, 17 June 1744, nine years before her death. Of their six daughters, three were already dead. Three sons, Joshua, John and Thomas Holmes, were given £5 each. Fear divided the remainder of her estate among her three living daughters, Temperance, Mary and Marvin, and her grandchildren, heirs of her deceased daughters, named as follows: To Jedediah Brown and Lucy Brown his sister, children of her deceased daughter Abigail; to Mary, Abigail, Thankful, William and Desire Swan, children of her deceased daughter Thankful; and to Joseph Palmer, son of her deceased daughter Bethiah. She gave her granddaughter, Fear Maine, oldest child of her son, Joshua Holmes, her "Gold Neck lase." Son Thomas Holmes was named executor. Witnesses were Andrew Chapman, Benjamin Blogget and Sumner Chapman.[7]

Children (Holmes), born in Stonington, Conn.:[8]

+170 i. **Joshua**[5], born 14 August 1700.

+171 ii. **John**, born 10 June 1702.
+172 iii. **Abigail**, born 28 February 1702/3 (*sic*).
+173 iv. **Temperance**, born 29 January 1706/7.
+174 v. **Thankful**, born 12 November 1708.
+175 vi. **Thomas**, born 19 January 1710/1.
+176 vii. **Mary**, born 19 March 1712/3.
+177 viii. **Bethiah/Bethyah**, born 29 July 1715.
+178 ix. **Marvin**, born 17 November 1717.

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29. **John Baxter**[4] (*Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., about 1680,[1] the son of Thomas and Temperance (Gorham) (Sturgis) Baxter. He died in Yarmouth after 18 April 1749, the date of his wife's death, when she was called his wife, not his widow.[2]

John Baxter married in Yarmouth 11 June 1706 **Desire Gorham**[4],[3] who was born in Yarmouth in April 1685,[4] the daughter of Joseph Gorham[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Sarah Sturgis. [See #53, page 101.] Desire died in Yarmouth 23 June 1749.[5]

On 8 June 1706, John Baxter entered into an agreement with his uncle, Shubael Gorham, and his father, Thomas Baxter, to build the first fulling mill to card wool for cloth in Yarmouth. On 22 November 1708 and on 7 November 1710, he sold his part of the mill back to his uncle Shubael Gorham.[6] This would indicate that John was a miller but, during most of his life he was a whaler.

John Baxter's father, Thomas Baxter, called him "eldest son" in his will dated in June 1713, probated 9 July 1713. His mother, Temperance (Gorham) (Sturgis) Baxter died intestate. In the division of her real estate dated, 11 April 1715, John, being the eldest son of her second marriage, was given a double portion, with the rest of the real estate being divided between his two Baxter brothers, Thomas and Shubael. His mother's personal estate was divided among all of her children by both of her husbands, Edward Sturgis and Thomas Baxter.[7]

Desire's father, Joseph Gorham, in his will dated 27 July 1723, proved 20 July 1726, named her as "daughter Desire Baxter." Her mother, Sarah Gorham, in her will dated 1 May 1728, proved 3 February 1738/9, also called her "Desire Baxter," and gave her a large part of her estate. Sarah Gorham also named Desire's husband, John Baxter, as her sole executor.[8]

No probate records were found in Barnstable County for either John or Desire Baxter.

Children (**Baxter**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

+179 i. **Elizabeth**[5-5], born 2 January 1706/7.
+180 ii. **Sarah**, born 28 October 1708.
+181 iii. **Jane/Jeney**, born 5 November 1710.
+182 iv. **Temperance**, born 14 August 1712.
+183 v. **John**, born 5 July 1714.
+184 vi. **Joseph**, born 3 March 1715/6.
+185 vii. **Isaac**, born 12 January 1717/8.
+186 viii. **Hezekiah**, born 21 March 1720.
ix. **Desire**, born 20 February 1722, died 17 March 1722.
x. **Samuel**, born 4 February 1722/3; no further record found.
xi. **Thomas**, born 1 February 1724/5; no further record found.
+187 xii. **Shubael**, born 21 December 1726.

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30. **Thomas Baxter**[4] (*Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., about 1683,[1] the son of Thomas and Temperance (Gorham) (Sturgis) Baxter. He died probably in Yarmouth after 15 April 1745, the date Thomas Baxter, "Junr.," witnessed the will of the senior Thomas Baxter's sister, Thankful Thacher, indicating that there were two Thomas Baxters living in Yarmouth at that date.[2]

Thomas Baxter of Yarmouth, married in Wethersfield, Conn., 3 May 1705, **Mary Lattimore**,[3] who was born in Wethersfield 24 January 1683,[4] the daughter of Sergeant John and Mary Lattimore of Wethersfield. She died probably in Wethersfield, after 1729.[5]

Thomas had two children recorded in Wethersfield in 1706 and 1708.[6] Then, called "Thomas Baxter, late of Yarmouth," (which indicated that he lived elsewhere), his four illegitimate children by **Hannah Crowell**, born between 1710 and 1718, were recorded in Yarmouth.[7] These children

were always treated as Baxters in Yarmouth and Barnstable County records. Hannah Crowell was born in Yarmouth 1 December 1687,[8] the daughter of John and Hannah Crow or Crowell. Hannah's sister, Reliance Crowell, married Edmund Hatch[5] (*Desire Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #125, pages 195-96.] Her sister, Marcy Crowell, married Edward Downs[5] (*Elizabeth Gorham*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #313, page 413-14.] Her brother, Ephraim Crowell, married Rose Gorham[5] (*John*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #222, pages 300-301.] In Yarmouth town records, immediately following the list of Hannah Crowell's children by Thomas Baxter, is the record of the births of the children of James and Hannah (Crowell) Lovel who were married in Yarmouth 11 September 1723.[9] Hannah's children by James Lovel were Simeon Lovel, born 13 June 1724, died in April 1729, and John Lovel, born 27 June 1726,[10] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. The early, incomplete records of the West Yarmouth Church have an entry, "Three children of Hannah Lovell: from ye youngest illegitimate. & downwards:—" (*sic*), but the names were not entered.[11] James Lovel died before 30 December 1739, the date when Hannah Lovel's intentions of marriage to Ebenezer Berry, as his third wife, were published in Yarmouth.[12] Hannah's father, John Crowell "of South Sea in ye town of Yarmouth," in his will dated 14 June 1727, probated 23 March 1731, named his daughter as "Hannah Lovel, wife of James Lovel."[13] Hannah died after 4 October 1751, the date the estate of her last husband, Ebenezer Berry, was divided among his heirs.[14]

Thomas Baxter was mentioned in his father's will, dated 2 June 1713, proved 9 July 1713, in which he was given land worth £200 on Yannes Harbor, bounded by Thomas Crowell and Jabez Lewis; but if he sold the land, "his two children at Connecticut, Timothy the son, and the daughter," were to have £25 each. These two children signed receipts for their legacies, Timothy Baxter on 30 March 1727, and Elizabeth Baxter on 28 March 1729.[15]

When his mother, Temperance (Gorham) (Sturgis) Baxter died intestate before 21 March 1714/5, Thomas inherited shares of her land with his brothers, John and Shubael Baxter, with John Baxter as the eldest son, receiving a double portion. He also shared in his mother's personal estate which was divided among all of her children, "both sons and daughters," meaning his Sturgis half-brothers and half-sisters as well as his Baxter brothers.[16]

Thomas Baxter's wife, Mary Baxter, was given a divorce from Thomas in Wethersfield, Conn., in March 1729, on grounds of desertion.[17] Thomas does not appear to have married Hannah Crowell, the mother of his four younger children, but town records show that these children were always accepted as Baxters.

On 13 April 1745 a Thomas Baxter, called "Junr.," probably this Thomas Baxter's son, witnessed the will of Thankful (Sturgis) Thacher, a half-sister of the Thomas Baxter studied here. This would indicate that the older Thomas Baxter had returned to Yarmouth and was living there in 1745.[18]

No probate records have been found for this Thomas Baxter.

Children (**Baxter**), first two born in Wethersfield, Conn., last four born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[19]

By his wife, Mary Lattimer:

+188 i. **Timothy**[5], born 26 February 1705/6.
+189 ii. **Elizabeth**, born 23 March 1707/8.

By Hannah Crowell:

+190 iii. **Thomas**, born 17 December 1710.
+191 iv. **Cornelius**, born 30 November 1712.
+192 v. **Leah**, born 17 December 1715.
+193 vi. **Malachi**, born 30 April 1718.

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31. **Shubael Baxter**[4] (*Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., in 1687, the son of Thomas and Temperance (Gorham) (Sturgis) Baxter. He died in Yarmouth 12 April 1741, aged 54 years, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.

Shubael Baxter married in Yarmouth, as her second husband, about 1710 **Elizabeth (Gorham**[4]**) Downs**, who was born about 1680 in Bristol, then in Massachusetts but now in Rhode Island. She was the daughter of Jabez Gorham[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Hannah (Sturgis) Gray. Elizabeth married first, in Bristol, R.I., about 1700, William Downs, who died in Bristol before 5 March 1706, the date his probate records were filed. Elizabeth died in Yarmouth 11 April 1746.

Note: The births of the children of #31-Shubael Baxter[4] (*Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) who married #55-Elizabeth (Gorham[4]) Downs (*Jabez Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) as her second

husband, appear under Elizabeth's account, in sequence with her children by her first husband, William Downs. [See #55, pages 103-5.]

+194 Their daughter, **Thankful Baxter**[5-5] married **#77-Thomas Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) which is where her sketch appears. [See #77, pages 136-38.]

+195 Their son, **Richard Baxter**[5-5] married **#181-Jane/Jeney Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) which is where his sketch appears. [See #181, pages 258-59.]

6. The Children of Elizabeth Gorham[3]

32. **Mary Hallett**[4] (*Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in either Sandwich, Mass., or Barnstable, Mass., about 1666 or 1667,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett. She died in Middleboro, Mass., after 11 May 1721, the date her husband's estate was distributed.[2]

Mary Hallett married in Sandwich about 1686 **Jabez Fuller**,[3] who was born in Barnstable about 1663,[4] the son of Samuel and Mary Fuller, and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller. Jabez Fuller died in Middleboro before 15 September 1711, the date the inventory of his intestate estate was presented to the court.[5]

Proof that Mary Hallett was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett was found in the probate records of her eldest son, Samuel Fuller, who died intestate in Middleboro before 4 March 1715, "without wife or child." His brother, Jonathan Fuller, was named as administrator of his estate. In the distribution and settlement, dated 24 June 1715, is the entry: "Also the sum of Six Pounds due from the Estate of their Father Jabez Fuller Paid Since his Decease by his Widdow towards the maintenance of Joseph Hallett, the said widow's Father, & now to be repaid by the said Jonathan to his sd mother. . . £6." The estate was distributed to "the mother and her five children, Jonathan, Ebenezer, Marcy, Mary and Lois."[6]

No birth record has been found for Mary Hallett but, since she was the first of the Hallett girls to marry, it can be assumed that she was the oldest daughter who was born about the time that her parents were fined for fornication.[7]

Jabez Fuller, "formerly of Barnstable and late of Middleboro," died intestate. Because he owned property in both Plymouth and Barnstable Counties, his estate was probated in both counties. The inventory of his estate was taken 15 September 1711 and submitted to the Plymouth County court. On 20 June 1712 Mary Fuller, widow, was named as the administratrix of the estate, and guardian of her son Ebenezer, under five years of age, and of her daughters Lois, under nine, Mary about thirteen, and Mercy, over fourteen. The division of the estate, dated 20 June 1712, named the eldest son, Samuel, second son, Jonathan, third son, Ebenezer, eldest daughter Marcy, second daughter Mary, and youngest daughter

Lois.[8] A separate settlement was filed in Barnstable 17 February 1720/1, in which "one certain Lott of the Late Division of the common lands" in Barnstable, probably originally the share belonging to Mary's father, Joseph Hallett, and now part of Mary's husband, Jabez Fuller's estate, was divided among the surviving heirs. The eldest son, Samuel, having died without issue, £19 remained to be divided among the children. At the desire of the widow, Mary Fuller, relict, and Jonathan, the eldest son now surviving, the lot of land was settled on Jabez Wood and Marcy, his wife, one of the daughters, who were ordered to pay £3-16 to each of her brothers and sisters, Jonathan and Ebenezer Fuller, Mary Barse (*sic*) and Lois Fuller. Settlement was made to sons Jonathan and Ebenezer Fuller, and to daughters Lois Fuller and Mary Bearse. A receipt to the administrator, Mary Fuller, was signed 11 May 1721 by Jabez and Marcy Wood, for their portion of the estate of their deceased father, Jabez Fuller, and their deceased brother, Samuel Fuller.[9]

Children (**Fuller**), born in Barnstable, Mass., mother's name not given:[10]

i. **Samuel**[5], born 23 February 1687, died in Middleboro before 4 March 1715, the date his brother, Jonathan Fuller of Middleboro, filed an administrator's bond on Samuel's estate.[11]

+196 ii. **Jonathan**, born 10 March 1692.

+197 iii. **Mercy**, born 1 April 1696.

+198 iv. **Mary**, born 1 April 1699; date of birth not given in original record.

+199 v. **Lois**, born 23 September 1704.

+200 vi. **Ebenezer**, born 20 February 1708.

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33. **Lois Hallett**[4] (*Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., about 1672,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett. She died probably in Stonington, Conn., after 21 November 1726, the date she agreed to act as executrix for the estate of her deceased son, Ebenezer Cobb.[2]

Lois Hallett married in Barnstable 10 April 1690 **Henry Cobb**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 3 September 1665,[4] the son of Henry and Sarah

(Hinckley) Cobb. Henry Cobb died in Stonington 4 or 24 September 1725, and was buried in the Weekapaug Cemetery there.[5]

No birth or baptismal record has been found for Lois Hallett, but Amos Otis, in *Barnstable Families*, said that "Lois Hallett, who married April 10, 1690, was probably [Joseph Hallett's] daughter. She removed to Stonington, Connecticut, in 1715 (*sic*)."[6] Mary Hallett, a proven daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett, named a daughter "Lois," a very unusual name in Barnstable, certainly in honor of her sister, Lois. Her mother, Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett, is known to have had "children." Lois Hallett's marriage to Henry Cobb was recorded in Barnstable where her father is known to have lived until after 1700. This is the circumstantial evidence upon which this Lois Hallett is accepted by these compilers as a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett.

The records of the West Precinct Church of Barnstable show that Henry Cobb was dismissed to Stonington and his letter sent from Barnstable by the Reverend Jonathan Russell, Pastor, 10 October 1700, to the Reverend James Noyes, Pastor of the Congregational Church in Stonington.[7] Wheeler, in his *History of Stonington*, states that Henry and Lois Hinckley moved from Barnstable to Stonington in 1703.[8]

Henry Cobb of Stonington died intestate, 24 September 1725. The administrator's bond, dated 28 October 1725, was signed by his widow, Lois Cobb, who made her mark, his son, Gideon Cobb and Stephen Richardson. An accounting included a list "of what Eunice has had," dated 8 January 1716, "of what Gideon has had," and "of what Loes (*sic*) has had," the last two dated in January 1719. The inventory of Henry Cobb's estate, dated 21 October 1725, totalled £1083-3-4, and included £830 for his dwelling house, shop, barn and lands.[9]

Son Nathan Cobb died 15 November 1726, as noted in his inventory. In his will dated 2 November 1726, and proved 21 November 1726, Nathan Cobb, blacksmith, gave his cows, swine and horse to his honored mother. He gave his two brothers, Elkanah Cobb and Ebenezer Cobb, the land which he had inherited from his father, Henry Cobb, and other land bought from his brother, Gideon Cobb. He gave his brother, Henry Cobb, his shop and his smith's tools. Brother Hallett Cobb was given his wearing apparel and shoe buckles. Brothers Elkanah and Ebenezer were named joint executors. Witnesses were Samuel Hinckley, John Noyes and Silas Yeomans. The inventory of Nathan Cobb's estate, dated 9 January 1726, was presented by his brother, Elkanah Cobb, and amounted to £112.[10]

Son Ebenezer Cobb died 17 November 1726, two days after his brother, Nathan. In his will dated 7 November 1726, proved 21 November 1726, Ebenezer was called a carpenter. He named his mother sole executrix and gave her life tenancy in his land which had been his father's.

After her death, the land was to go to his brother, Hallett Cobb. Brother Henry Cobb was given Ebenezer's working clothes, sheep and saddle. Brother Elkanah received the property that Ebenezer had inherited from his brother, Nathan, in his will. Witnesses were Samuel Hinckley, Joseph Palmer and Mary Thompson. In Stonington, 21 November 1726, "Mrs. Cob" (*sic*) informed Christopher Christophers, Judge of the Probate Court, that she desired to have her son, Ebenezer Cob's will recorded "upon her declaring to me that she exepts (*sic*) of being Executrix to her son's last will and testament if it may [be consistent] with law to do so, she being not well able to come to New London." This was signed by Daniel Palmer, Justice of the Peace.[11]

Son Elkanah Cobb died before 5 September 1748, the date an administrator's bond was filed by John Packer of Groton, with Samuel Green of New London as surety. Elkanah's inventory, dated 7 and 8 October 1748, totalled £149-14-6 and did not include any real estate. There was no mention of any wife or children in the probate papers. Among his debts was one owed to his sister, "widow Lois Stanton," for a horse she had sold to him.[12]

Children (Cobb), first three born and recorded in Barnstable, Mass., others born in Stonington, Conn.:[13]

+201 i. **Gideon**[5], born 11 April 1691.
+202 ii. **Eunice**, born 18 September 1693.
+203 iii. **Lois**, born 2 March 1696.
iv. **Nathan**, bapt. 1 June 1701, died in Stonington, 15 November 1726.
v. **Elkanah**, born probably about 1703, died in Stonington, during the summer of 1748, unmarried; mentioned in probate records of his brothers, Nathan and Ebenezer.
vi. **Ebenezer**, born 28 January 1705, bapt. 27 May 1705, died in Stonington, 17 November 1726.
vii. **Mary**, born 7 February 1707, bapt. 27 July 1707; not mentioned in probate records of her father or her brothers, Nathan and Ebenezer.
+204 viii. **Henry**, born 13 April 1710, bapt. 28 May 1710.
+205 ix. **Hallett**, born 2 May 1719, bapt. 5 July 1719.

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Stonington, Conn., 316. 9. New London Prob. Dist. #1311 (Henry Cobb) [FHL #1,025,011]. 10. Ibid. #1314, Bk. 6:81 (Nathan Cobb) [FHL #1,025,011]. 11. Ibid. #1309 (Ebenezer Cobb) [FHL #1,025,011]. 12. Ibid. #1310 (Elkanah Cobb) [FHL #1,025,011]. 13. *MD* 3:73 (first three); Stonington VR 1:112; 2:15; Barnstable VR 1:352 (Gideon, Eunice and Lois); Wheeler, *Hist. of the First Congregational Ch., Stonington, 205, 206, 208, 214.* Also see Gorham MS 1:61 and Philip L. Cobb (1900), 315-16, both of which omit son Elkanah Cobb.

?Elizabeth Hallett[4] (*?Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., before 1678 or 1679,[1] according to Barnstable East Precinct church records, where her death was recorded 1 April 1759, aged "above 80."[2]

Elizabeth Hallett married in Barnstable 18 September 1695 **James Cobb,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 8 July 1673,[4] the son of James and Sarah (Lewis) Cobb. James Cobb died in Barnstable 3 January 1757.[5]

Proof that Elizabeth Hallett was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett rests solely on the fact that she had the right name (Elizabeth Hallett), was the right age (sixteen or seventeen or older) when she married James Cobb, and was the right age when she died in 1759, "above 80."[6] Her possible mother, Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett, had more than one child when she died between 1676, when the estate of her father, Capt. John Gorham, was settled, and 5 March 1683/4,[7] when the estate of her mother, Desire (Howland) Gorham, was settled.[8] In that settlement, Elizabeth's "children" were to have her share of her mother's estate. Unfortunately, the children were not named.

Elizabeth Hallett's probable father, Joseph Hallett, was alive in 1715, when the estate of his grandson, Samuel Fuller, was settled.[9] Joseph probably died before 1721, when property in Barnstable consisting of one share of the division of the common land, (which was part of the estate of his son-in-law, Jabez Fuller), was finally divided, nine years after Jabez Fuller's estate in Plymouth County had been divided and settled.[10] The delay in the division of Jabez Fuller's Barnstable property was certainly caused by the fact that Joseph Hallett had turned over his Barnstable property to his son-in-law in return for being paid an annual sum of £6 as long as he lived, as reported in the probate records of his grandson, Samuel Fuller. Therefore, the Barnstable land could not be divided or sold until after Joseph Hallett had died. No probate records have been found for Joseph Hallett, either in Barnstable or in Plymouth County, which might have identified Elizabeth Hallet as the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallet.

Unfortunately, James and Elizabeth (Hallett) Cobb did not name their children for members of the Hallett or Gorham family. No son was named for Joseph Hallett or John Gorham. Son James was named for his father. Daughter Elizabeth was named for her mother. But no one was named for Elizabeth's supposed sisters, Lois Hallet or Mary Hallet. No

one was named Desire for her grandmother, Desire (Howland) Gorham, or Temperance, for her aunt, Temperance Gorham. Therefore, unless we can find some court record which connects this Elizabeth Hallett with her sisters, Mary (Hallett) Fuller, or Lois (Hallett) Cobb, or with her supposed parents, Joseph Hallett or Elizabeth (Gorham) Hallett, we can not accept this Elizabeth Hallett who married James Cobb as a proven descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

This lineage has never been accepted by the General Society of Mayflower descendants.

Children (Cobb), born in Barnstable, Mass., listed here for information only, not as proven descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland:[11]

i. **James**, born 13 September 1698.
ii. **Sylvanus**, born 25 November 1700.
iii. **Elisha**, born 24 December 1702.
iv. **Jesse**, born 15 April 1705.
v. **Seth**, born 15 April 1707.
vi. **Ebenezer**, born 7 March 1709, died in September 1710.
vii. **Jude**, born 24 June 1711.
viii. **Nathan**, born 15 June 1713.
ix. **Stephen**, born 27 January 1716; married Abigail Chipman[5] (*Jacob*[4], *Samuel*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]).
x. **Elizabeth**, born 18 April 1718; married David Hawes[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #108, pages 180-81.]

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7. The Children of James Gorham[3]

34. **Desire Gorham**[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 9 February 1674/5,[1] the daughter of James and Hannah (Huckins) Gorham. Desire died, probably in Chatham, Mass., some time before 20 January 1735/6,[2] the date her second husband made his will in which he mentioned his fourth wife, Elizabeth.

Desire Gorham married first, about 1695 **Edward Springer,**[3] who was probably born in Newport, R.I.[4] Edward Springer died before 11 February 1712,[5] the date on which the administration of his estate was granted to his wife, Desire Springer.

Desire married second, in Barnstable 15 December 1715, as his third wife, **Daniel Hamilton,**[6] who was born in Rhode Island 17 February 1671,[7] the son of Thomas and Lydia Hamilton of Rhode Island, Sandwich, Mass., and Eastham, Mass. Daniel Hamilton died in Chatham 8 December 1738.[8]

Desire was called "Desire Springer" by her father, James Gorham, in his will dated 4 November 1707, in which he gave Desire £20. Her father also made bequests to his five grandchildren whom he did not name.[9] Those born before James Gorham made his will, and who are known to have survived him, were the four children of his daughter, Experience Lothrop, and one of the children of his son, John Gorham. Therefore, Desire's two children had apparently died in childhood.

Desire's first husband, Edward Springer, died in Newport before 11 February 1712, for on that date the administration of his estate was granted to his widow, Desire Springer.[10]

Desire's second husband, Daniel Hamilton of Chatham, Massachusetts, in his will dated 30 January 1735/6, proved 22 March 1738/9, mentioned his "three youngest daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth and Thankful." Daniel Hamilton probably had six children by his first wife, Mary Smith. It is not known which wife was the mother of the three "youngest" daughters although his last four children are thought to have been by his second wife, Sarah (Smith) Snow, widow of Joseph Snow of Eastham. Daniel does not seem to have had any children by his third wife, Desire. He named his fourth wife, Elizabeth, in his will.[11]

Desire's brother, Silvanus Gorham, who died in Stratford, Connecticut, in 1747, did not mention any heirs of his sister, Desire Hamilton, although

he listed the heirs of his other sisters, Experience and Mehitable, and of his deceased brothers, James, John and Jabez Gorham, as well as his living brothers, Joseph and Ebenezer.[12] It is therefore concluded that Desire (Gorham) (Springer) Hamilton did not have any surviving children.

Possible children (**Springer**), born in Newport, R.I.:[13]

i. **James**[5], died before 4 November 1707; not mentioned in his grandfather's will.

ii. **Mary**, died before 4 November 1707; not mentioned in her grandfather's will.

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35. **James Gorham**[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 6 March 1676/7,[1] the son of James and Hannah (Huckins) Gorham. He died in Barnstable after 10 September 1718,[2] the date he made his will, and before 5 November 1718, the date it was probated.

James Gorham married, as her first husband, in Barnstable 29 September 1709 **Mary Joyce**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 19 September 1680,[4] the daughter of Hosea Joyce and his wife, Elizabeth Chipman[3] (*Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), and also a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Mary married second, in Barnstable 26 May 1720 Elisha Parker,[5] the son of Robert and Patience (Cobb) Parker, by whom she had one more child, Hannah Parker. Mary married third, in Barnstable 16 September 1736 Thomas Lothrop, the widower of her husband's sister, Experience Gorham.[6] Mary died before 1 March 1742/3, the date the final distribution was made of the estate of her brother, Samuel Joyce, in which one share was set off to "the heirs of Mary Lothrop, deceased."[7] All of Mary's children, including Hannah Parker, were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland through Mary's mother, Elizabeth Chipman.

James Gorham shared in his father's estate, probated 4 November 1707, and was named sole executor.[8] He was very wealthy. In his own will dated 10 September 1717, proved 5 November 1718, James Gorham, Gentleman, mentioned his wife Mary, his daughter Thankful, and his three

sons, Isaac, Hezekiah and James. His younger daughter, Mary, was born posthumously. Executors were his wife, Mary Gorham, Thomas Joyce and Joseph Davis. The inventory was taken 20 October 1718, Witnesses were Shubael Gorham, James Dimock and James M. Sparrow.[9]

After James Gorham's death, his surviving children shared in the estate of his brother, Silvanus Gorham of Stratford, Connecticut, who died in 1747 without a wife or child.[10]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass., baptized in the West Barnstable Church:[11]

+206 i. **Thankful**[5-5], born 25 May 1711, baptized in May 1714.
+207 ii. **Isaac**, bapt. 17 April 1715 (twin).
+208 iii. **Hezekiah**, bapt. 17 April 1715 (twin).
iv. **James**, bapt. 12 May 1717, died before 1742; his intentions of marriage to **Mary Hallett** were published in Yarmouth, 11 November 1738, but in his will dated 19 March 1738/9, he gave all of his possessions to his brother, Hezekiah.[12]
+209 v. **Mary**, born posthumously, bapt. 19 July 1719, called "of James Gorham" in church records.

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36. **Experience Gorham**[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 28 July 1678,[1] the daughter of James and Hannah (Huckins) Gorham. She died in Barnstable 23 December 1733.[2]

Experience Gorham married, as his first wife, in Barnstable 23 April 1697 **Thomas Lothrop,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 6 January 1673/4,[4] the son of the Rev. Joseph and Mary (Ansel) Lothrop. Thomas married second, as her third husband, in Barnstable 16 September 1736 Mary (Joyce) (Gorham) Parker, daughter of Hosea and Elizabeth (Chipman) Joyce and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland through her mother. Mary was the widow of Experience Gorham's brother, James Gorham, and also of Elisha Parker.[5] [See #35, pages 72-73.] Thomas Lothrop died in Barnstable 23 July 1757, in his 84th year.[6]

Experience Lothrop was mentioned in the will of her father, James Gorham, dated 4 November 1704, proved 7 January 1707/8.[7] Her chil-

dren, called "the heirs of Experience Gorham," were mentioned in the settlement of the estate of her brother, Silvanus Gorham, 24 September 1747.[8]

Experience was admitted to the Barnstable East Precinct Church 20 June 1725. Her husband was admitted 1 December 1754, aged 80 years, and was baptized the same day.[9] Thomas Lothrop served on the petit jury in 1729, 1731, 1732 and 1736, as constable in 1735, and on the grand jury in 1739, 1743 and 1750.[10]

In his will dated 24 May 1751, with a codicil dated 15 March 1755, probated 3 August 1757, Thomas Lothrop named his daughters Rebecca Lothrop, Mehitable Davis, Mary Taylor, Lydia Bacon and Elizabeth Bartlett, his grandson Thomas Lothrop, son of his son Thomas Lothrop, dec'd, the heirs of his son Ansel Lothrop, dec'd, the heirs of his son James Lothrop, dec'd., and his son Seth Lothrop, who was named sole executor. Witnesses were John Thacher, Ebenezer Gorham, Josiah Davis and Benjamin Cobb.[11]

Children (**Lothrop**), all by his first wife, born in Barnstable, Mass., last five baptized in Barnstable East Precinct Church:[12]

i. Unnamed son, born 10 January 1697/8, died 3 February 1697/8.

ii. **Deborah**[5], born 21 April 1699; not mentioned in father's will.

+210 iii. **Mary**, born 4 April 1701.

+211 iv. **James**, born 9 August 1703.

+212 v. **Thomas**, born 8 July 1705.

+213 vi. **Ansel**, born in July 1707.

+214 vii. **Joseph**, born 8 December 1709.

+215 viii. **Seth**, born last of March 1712.

ix. **John**, born about 1715, bapt. 27 June 1725; not mentioned in father's will.

+216 x. **Lydia**, born about 1716, bapt. 27 June 1725.

+217 xi. **Elizabeth**, born about 1718, bapt. 27 June 1725.

+218 xii. **Mehitable**, born about 1720, bapt. 27 June 1725.

xiii. **Rebecca**, born about 1722, bapt. 27 June 1725, probably the one who was admitted to the East Church in Barnstable 15 September 1745, and died 19 November 1764, "above 40 years"; mentioned in father's will in 1755 as unmarried.[13]

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37. **John Gorham**[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 2 August 1680,[1] the son of James and Hannah (Huckins) Gorham. John died in West Yarmouth, Mass., at 49 years of age, between 20 July 1729, the date he made his will, and 5 November 1729, the date his will was probated.[2]

John Gorham married in Barnstable 14 February 1705/6 **Ann Brown**,[3] who was born in Ireland and is said to have come to Massachusetts with her brother.[4] Ann died after 26 February 1729/30, the date she and her son, Matthias, were directed to take an inventory of her husband's estate.[5]

John Gorham's father, James Gorham, in his will dated 4 November 1707, gave John his land and meadow at South Sea in Yarmouth.[6]

John Gorham of Yarmouth, yeoman, in his will dated 20 July 1729, proved 5 November 1729, gave his loving wife, Ann, one-third of all of his real and personal estate and said that it was to be at her disposal during her natural life or until her remarriage. He gave his son, Matthias Gorham, all of his real estate in the township of Yarmouth, with the provision that he pay several legacies to his sisters. He gave his daughter, Mercy Crowell, wife of Ebenezer Crowel, six shillings besides what she had already been given, as her full portion. He gave his four other daughters, Desire Gorham, Rose Gorham, Elizabeth Gorham and Ann Gorham, £20 each, to be paid to them as they reached the age of eighteen years or were married, whichever should happen first. He gave his two grandchildren, James Crowell and Temperance Crowell, children of his daughter Mercy Crowell, ten shillings each, all legacies to be paid by his son, Matthias Gorham. His wife, Ann Gorham, and his son, Matthias Gorham, were named executors. Witnesses were Shubael Baxter, Ebenezer Parker and Elizabeth Baxter. The will was presented for probate 5 November 1729, and sworn to by Shubael Baxter and Ebenezer Parker. On 5 February 1729 [1729/30], the will was sworn to by the third witness, Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter. On 25 February 1729 [1729/30], Ann Gorham and Matthias Gorham were accepted as executors and directed to take an inventory, which amounted to £350-0-0. The witnesses to the inventory were Shubael Baxter, Ebenezer Parker and Samuel Marchant.[7]

John Gorham's children were listed among the heirs of his unmarried brother, Silvanus Gorham of Stamford, Conn., whose estate was distributed 18 January 1750/1. They were allotted £132-19-9.[8]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

+219 i. **Matthias**[5], born 18 December 1706.

+220 ii. **Mercy**, born 26 September 1708.
+221 iii. **Desire**, born 26 August 1710.
+222 iv. **Rose**, born 19 March 1711/2.
+223 v. **Elizabeth**, born 27 June 1714.
+224 vi. **Anne**, born 12 January 1716/7.

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38. **Mehitable Gorham**[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 20 April 1683, and was baptized there 17 September 1683,[1] the daughter of James and Hannah (Huckins) Gorham. She died probably in Scituate, Mass., before 28 September 1747,[2] the date when "the heirs of Mehitable Gorham" were mentioned in the will of her brother, Silvanus Gorham.

Mehitable Gorham married in Barnstable 12 May 1715, as his first wife, **Joshua Oldham**,[3] mistakenly called "John" in marriage record, who was born in Scituate 8 August 1686,[4] the son of Thomas and Mercy (Sprout) Oldham, Jr., and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Henry Samson. Joshua Oldham married second, in Kingston, Mass., intentions filed in Scituate and Kingston 21 and 25 March 1752 Bathsheba (Brock) Bradford,[5] the daughter of Francis and Sarah (Hobart) Brock and the widow of Elisha Bradford by whom she had fifteen children. Elisha Bradford was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger William Bradford. Joshua Oldham probably died in Scituate after 16 April 1759, the date he acknowledged a deed for the sale of property.[6]

Mehitable and Joshua settled in Scituate after their marriage, according to an entry in the Scituate church records which stated, "Mehitable Oldom, being a member of ye chh of Christ in Barnstable, and Coming to Live in this town desired to partake with this chh. July 10, 1715. Her dismission from yt Chh to this read in the audience of the Chh: Nov. 1, 1724." This entry was crossed out and a later entry, in 1724, stated only that her "dismission from the church in Barnstable was read in the audience of the Chh: November 1st 1724."[7]

Mehitable was bequeathed £25 in her father's will dated 4 November 1707.[8] On 18 January 1750/1, her heirs, meaning her daughter and her husband, received £132-19-9 from the estate of her brother, Silvanus Gorham of Stratford, Conn.[9]

On 4 February 1724, Joshua Oldham of Scituate, husbandman, sold to his wife's cousin, Stephen Clap of Scituate, husbandman, for £25, all of his rights in the common or undivided upland and swampland in the town of Scituate. Joshua made his mark. This deed was recorded 14 January 1726.[10]

On 18 March 1728, Joshua Oldham's father, Thomas Oldham, gave him, "for fatherly love," a dwelling house with 100 acres in Scituate. Joshua was called "labourer."[11] On 8 October 1728, Joshua and his brothers, Thomas and Caleb Oldham, signed their quitclaims to rights in a tract of land in Middleboro given by their step-mother, Bathsheba Oldham, to their seven step-sisters, Bathsheba's daughters by her first husband, Elisha Bradford. This was acknowledged by Joshua and Caleb Oldham on 3 November 1738 and recorded 25 October 1745.[12] Joshua's father, Thomas Oldham of Scituate, in his will dated 21 February 1733, gave Joshua only five shillings because he had already had his share of his father's estate.[13]

On 12 August 1742, Joshua Oldham of Scituate, husbandman, sold 1½ acres of meadow in Scituate to Isaac Hatch of Pembroke, yeoman, for £50. This was recorded 4 February 1744.[14]

On 1 March 1752 Joshua Oldham, yeoman, deeded land in Scituate, "on the Pembroke road," bounded by Isaac Hatch, etc., to his son-in-law, Job Nichols, husband of his daughter, Mehitable. Joshua made his mark and acknowledged the deed 7 April 1752.[15]

On 2 May 1753, Joshua Oldham conveyed to his loving [second] wife, Bathsheba, all of his lands in Scituate, his dwelling house and about 40 acres lying next to Isaac Hatch and Benjamin Hatch, including his meadow, marsh and upland. This was acknowledged by Joshua 20 May 1753.[16] On 18 May 1753, Joshua Oldham and his wife, Bathsheba, both of Scituate, sold six acres of land to his first wife's nephew, John Gorham of Scituate, housewright, for £14-8 lawful money. This was acknowledged 7 August 1753 by Joshua and Bathesheba Oldham.[17]

In a final deed dated 25 May 1758, Joshua and Bathesheba Oldham of Scituate, for £40 sold to Israel Turner their homestead containing 24 acres of land with one-half of the dwelling house, bounded by the road "that goes from Pembroke to Hatch's mill . . . till it comes to the land I sold to John Gorham, then to the land of Benoni Hatch . . . . We do covenant and agree with the said Israel Turner that, until the delivery hereof, we are the lawful owner of the said premises." This was acknowledged 16 April 1759.[18]

There are no probate records in Plymouth County for Mehitable (Gorham) Oldham, nor for her husband, Joshua Oldham, nor for Joshua's second wife, Bathsheba. The deeds mentioned above disposed of property

Joshua had inherited from his father and from his first wife, taking the place of probate records.

Child (**Oldham**), born and baptized in Scituate, Mass.:[19]
+225 i. **Mehitable**[5], bapt. 1 December 1717.

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39. **Thomas Gorham**[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 16 December 1684,[1] the son of James and Hannah (Huckins) Gorham. He died in Barnstable before 3 December 1771, the day his will was proved.[2]

Thomas Gorham married on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 7 May 1707 **Rachel Trott,**[3] who was born on Nantucket 23 August 1683,[4] the daughter of John and Ann Trott. Rachel died in Barnstable before 1758,[5] the date her husband made his will and did not mention her.

Thomas Gorham was a blacksmith.[6] His father, James Gorham, in his will dated 4 November 1707, proved 7 January 1707/8, bequeathed to Thomas the dwelling house in which he lived and land that his father had bought from Capt. Wilkinson.[7] Thomas was not mentioned with his brothers and sisters in the distribution of the estate of his brother, Silvanus Gorham of Stamford, Conn., 18 January 1750/1.[8]

Thomas Gorham, blacksmith and yeoman, in his will written in 1758, proved 3 December 1771, did not mention his wife, Rachel, who probably had died previously. Thomas gave his daughter, Abigail Easterbrooks, half of his lands and his dwelling house, on condition that she pay her brother, Benjamin Gorham, £8-0-0. He gave the other half of the dwelling house to Benjamin. He gave his daughter, Priscilla Foldier (*sic*) 40 shillings, and his granddaughter, Rachel Easterbrooks, a feather-bed and bedding. He named his son Benjamin Gorham and his son-in-law, John Easterbrooks, "only and sole" executors. The witnesses were Solomon Otis, Thomas Bacon, Jr., and Mercy Otis. Although son Benjamin was named co-executor, his name was not recorded when his father's will was presented for probate 3 December 1771 by John Easterbrooks, "the Executor therein

named."[9] Benjamin is reported by Otis to have drowned in the mill pond in 1771. Thomas Gorham died insolvent and his heirs inherited nothing.[10]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[11]

+226 i. **Benjamin**[5], born 8 September 1708.
ii. **Reuben**, born 10 December 1709; not named in father's will.
+227 iii. **Priscilla**, born 18 December 1711.
+228 iv. **Samuel**, born 18 December 1713; not named in father's will; may have lived in Sherborn, Nantucket.
v. **Peter**, born 19 December 1714; called "whaleman" in 1733; not named in father's will.
vi. **Paul**, born 6 January 1717/8; not named in father's will.
vii. **Abraham**, born 10 July 1720; not named in father's will.
viii. **James**, born 23 June 1723; not named in father's will.
+229 ix. **Gershom**, born 22 June 1725; not named in father's will.
+230 x. **Abigail**, born 13 May 1729.

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40. **Jabez Gorham**[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 6 March 1690/1,[1] the son of James and Hannah (Huckins) Gorham. He died in Fairfield, Conn., before 5 March 1739/40.[2]

Jabez Gorham married about 1718 a wife who has not been identified. There is no proof that her name was Molly, as has been stated.*

Jabez Gorham's father, James Gorham of Barnstable, mentioned Jabez in his will dated 4 November 1707.[3] Jabez moved to Fairfield, Conn., before 24 February 1722/3, the date his second son was baptized in Christ's Church, Fairfield.[4] Four years later, in 1727, Jabez sold land in Barnstable to Shubael Gorham, probably his brother, and in 1728 he sold land there to another brother, Silvanus Gorham.[5]

By 5 March 1739/40, Jabez Gorham had died as is shown by the fact that, on that date, David Gorham, "son of Jabez Gorham, late of Fairfield," chose his father's cousin, Joseph Gorham[4] (*Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) of Fairfield, to be his guardian.[6] Letters of administration on the estate of Jabez Gorham, late of Fairfield, were granted to Samuel Osburn, Jr., of Fairfield, on 15 October 1740.[7]

Silvanus Gorham, a younger brother of Jabez, died in Stamford, Conn., before 1 September 1747, "leaving no wife or children." Part of his estate was distributed to "the legal representatives of Jabez Gorham, deceased.[8]

No birth or baptismal record has been found for Jabez's first son, James[5], but the presence of a James Gorham of the right age in Fairfield led Donald Lines Jacobus to place James as the son of this Jabez.[9] James[5] was named for Jabez Gorham's father, James Gorham of Barnstable, and James himself named his only son Jabez[6] for his own father, Jabez[4]. James[5] was of legal age when his father died and therefore did not choose a guardian as did his younger brother, David, one of the three documented sons of Jabez Gorham[4] who were baptized in the Church of Christ in Fairfield. James must have been baptized earlier at a different church.

Children (**Gorham**), last three baptized in Fairfield, Conn.:[10]

+231 i. **James**[5], born about 1719; named for his paternal grandfather.
+232 ii. **David**, bapt. 24 February 1722/3.
+233 iii. **Jabez**, bapt. in October 1725.
+234 iv. **John**, bapt. 12 May 1728.

*Note: The statement that this Jabez Gorham "renewed the Covenant with his wife Molly" at Green's Farms Church seems to have been published originally in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (Jan. 1905) 59:91-95, by Frank W. Sprague, in his article, "Jabez Gorham of Plymouth, Mass., and His Descendants," [also see *Genealogies of Mayflower Families* 2:116]. Mr. Sprague, apparently quoting Miss Louise Tracy's "Gorham Notes," stated, "Jabez Gorham renewed the covenant with his wife, Molly, Feb. 8, 1733, Green's Farms, Fairfield Records." This was copied by Donald Lines Jacobus in his account of the Gorham family in *Families of Old Fairfield* 2:388. An examination of a photocopy of Green's Farms Congregational Church Records, [the original is deposited at the Fairfield Historical Society, Fairfield, Conn.], revealed that the records of Communicants, Baptisms and Marriages begin in 1742 and do not contain the above renewal of the covenant by Jabez and Molly Gorham in 1733. However, forty years later there is a record in "Greenfield Hill Church Records, Fairfield, Conn.," [*NEHGR* 68:293] which reads: "8 Feb. 1773 Jabez Gorham & Molly his wife renewed Covt #25." This later entry refers to a different Jabez Gorham. Apparently either Miss Tracy or Mr. Sprague transcribed "1773" as "1733," a mistake that has been repeated by genealogists ever since.

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41. **Ebenezer Gorham**[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 14 February 1695/6,[1] the son of James and Hannah (Huckins) Gorham. He died in Barnstable 16 November 1776, in his 83rd year, and was buried in the Old Graveyard near the Unitarian Meeting House in Barnstable, where both he and his wife have monuments.[2]

Ebenezer Gorham married in Yarmouth, Mass., 9 November 1727 (intentions 23 September 1727) **Temperance Hawes**[5],[3] who was born in Yarmouth 31 December 1705,[4] the daughter of Joseph Hawes[4] (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Mary Howes. [See #107, page 180.] Temperance died in Barnstable 21 February 1767, in her 62d year, and was buried in the Old Graveyard there.[5]

Ebenezer Gorham was mentioned in the will of his father, James Gorham, dated 4 November 1707.[6] He lived in Scituate, Mass., when he was young, and was dismissed from the South Church in Scituate to the East Precinct Church in Barnstable, 7 November 1725.[7] He was a farmer and served as a fence-viewer and petty juror. His wife, Temperance, was admitted to membership in the East Barnstable Church, 20 October 1728.[8]

Ebenezer shared in the estate of his brother, Silvanus Gorham of Stamford, Conn., who died before 24 September 1747.[9] Temperance's father, Joseph Hawes, left her ten shillings in his will dated 25 May 1752.[10]

Ebenezer Gorham of Barnstable, made his will 16 May 1772, with a codicil dated 26 December 1775, which was proved 6 December 1776. In it he named his granddaughter Desire Gorham, eldest daughter of his daughter, Hannah, deceased, "and each of the other children of my deceased daughter, Hannah." He also named his daughters, Mary Davis, Thankful Davis and Temperance Sturgis, as well as his sons, Ebenezer, Prince and Silvanus Gorham. He mentioned that his son, Ebenezer Gorham, had been "missing for some time," and that he was the guardian of the four sons of Lot Hall, deceased, the children of son Ebenezer's wife, who had been the widow, Hannah (Doane) Hall. Ebenezer Gorham also mentioned his granddaughter, Hannah Gorham, the only daughter of his son Ebenezer by Hannah (Doane) Hall. In the codicil to his will, Ebenezer Gorham, being uncertain whether his son Ebenezer was still living, gave his son Silvanus half of his house. Most of the remaining property was to be divided between Prince and Silvanus if Ebenezer did not return.[11]

Children (**Gorham**), born and baptized in Barnstable, Mass.:[12]

+235 i. **Ebenezer**[5-6], born 7 August 1729, bapt. 24 August 1729.
+236 ii. **Prince**, born 14 March 1730/1, bapt. 21 May 1731.
+237 iii. **Hannah**, born 16 April 1733, bapt. 28 April 1733.
+238 iv. **Mary**, born 16 June 1735, bapt. 19 June 1735.
v. **Sarah**, bapt. 22 May 1737, died young.
+239 vi. **Thankful**, bapt. 22 April 1739.
vii. **Sarah**, bapt. 19 April 1741; probably died before 1772; not mentioned in father's will.
+240 viii. **Temperance**, bapt. 20 May 1744.
+241 ix. **Silvanus**, bapt. 17 July 1746.

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8. The Children of John Gorham[3]

42. **Temperance Gorham**[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 2 August 1678,[1] the daughter of John and Mary (Otis) Gorham. She died probably in Scituate, Mass., after 1756.[2]

"Mrs." Temperance Gorham married in Barnstable 24 December 1696 "Mr." **Stephen Clapp,**[3] who was born in Scituate 4 March 1670,[4] the son of Samuel and Hannah (Gill) Clapp. Stephen Clapp died in Scituate 11 December 1756, aged 86 years.[5]

Stephen Clapp and his wife, Temperance, were admitted into full communion with the Second Church of Scituate, 10 March 1706.[6] The same year, Deacon Clapp was on the committee to build a new meeting house. He was a representative to the General Court in 1720 and a lieutenant in the militia.[7]

In his will dated 18 January 1755, proved 16 December 1756, Stephen Clapp of Scituate, yeoman, gave his wife, Temperance, [here called "Importance"], one-half of his indoor moveables and the west end of his dwelling house, in full right of her dower. He mentioned his sons, John, Thomas and Nathaniel Clap, and his daughter, Rachel Leonard. John and Nathaniel were appointed joint executors. Witnesses were David Barnes, Nehemiah Prouty and James Barrell.[8]

Children (**Clapp**), born and baptized in Scituate, Mass.:[9]

+242 i. **John**[5], born 14 October 1697, bapt. in 1701.
+243 ii. **Rachel**, born 29 May 1701, bapt. in 1701.
+244 iii. **Thomas**, born 20 June 1703, bapt. 6 August 1704.
+245 iv. **Stephen**, born 4 October 1706, bapt. 1 December 1706; not mentioned in his father's will.
+246 v. **Nathaniel**, born 11 September 1709, bapt. 23 October 1709.

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43. **Mary Gorham**[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 18 September 1680,[1] the daughter of John and Mary (Otis) Gorham. She died in Barnstable 23 October 1748, in her 68th year, and was buried in the West Barnstable Cemetery, called "consort of Capt. Joseph Hinckley."[2]

Mary Gorham married in Barnstable 21 September 1699 **Joseph Hinckley**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 15 May 1672,[4] the son of Samuel Hinckley and his second wife, Mary (FitzRandolph) Hinckley. Joseph Hinckley died in Barnstable 4 July 1753, in his 82d year, and was buried in the West Barnstable Cemetery.[5]

Mary was called "Mary Hinckley" by her mother, Mary (Otis) Gorham, in her will dated 7 November 1727, probated 20 April 1733.[6]

Joseph Hinckley was a wealthy farmer and landowner.[7] In his will dated 11 September 1751, proved 7 August 1753, Joseph Hinckley of Barnstable mentioned his son, John Hinckley, who was given all of his father's land in the East Precinct of Barnstable; his son Isaac Hinckley, who was given land in West Barnstable and in Hebron, Conn.; his son Samuel Hinckley, deceased; his daughter Mercy Bourne; his daughter Mary Davis; the children of his daughter, Thankful, deceased; his granddaughters Mary Bourne and Mehitable Dillingham; and his grandson Joseph Davis. Joseph Hinckley gave his negro girl, Sarah, to his daughter, Mercy, and his negro girl, Anne, to his daughter, Mary. Negro Peg was to chose which child she wished to live with. Sons John and Isaac Hinckley were named executors.[8]

Joseph Hinckley did not mention his son, Joseph, who had died in 1738.[9] Son Joseph was survived by his wife, Mary, and posthumous son, also named Joseph, who must have died soon after his birth because he was not mentioned in his grandfather's will, as were the other grandchildren, Mehitable Dillingham, daughter of his deceased daughter, Abigail, and Joseph Davis, son of his deceased daughter, Thankful Davis.

Children (**Hinckley**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

+247 i. **Mercy**[5], born 17 August 1700.
+248 ii. **Joseph**, born 6 May 1702.
+249 iii. **Mary**, born 25 February 1703/4.
iv. **Samuel**, born 24 February 1705/6, died 14 October 1733, in his 28th year; called "deceased" in his father's will.
+250 v. **Thankful**, born 9 July 1708.
+251 vi. **Abigail**, born 30 October 1710.
vii. **Elizabeth**, born 4 January 1712/3, died 28 October 1733, in her 21st year.
viii. **Hannah**, born 10 June 1715, died 7 July 1732, in her 18th year.

+252 ix. **John**, born 16 November 1717.
+253 x. **Isaac**, born 31 October 1719.

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44. **Stephen Gorham**[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 23 June 1683,[1] the son of John and Mary (Otis) Gorham. He died either on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., or in Barnstable in 1743.[2]

Stephen Gorham married on Nantucket 25 December 1703 **Elizabeth Gardner**,[3] who was the daughter of James and Mary (Starbuck) Gardner of Nantucket.[4] Elizabeth died on Nantucket 22 July 1763.[5]

Stephen Gorham's father, Col. John Gorham, Esq., in his will dated 8 November 1716, proved 7 January 1716/7, mentioned Stephen as one of his three sons and gave him land in Yarmouth, Mass. Stephen was named as one of the executors of his father's will.[6] Stephen's nephew, another Col. John Gorham, in his "Wast Book" written at Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, 27 February 1745/6, said that his uncle, Stephen Gorham, "served his time at Nantucket with Nathaniel Starbuck, blacksmith, and married Elizabeth Gardner, daughter of James Gardner of the Quaker principles. The daughters all married at Nantucket. The sons all used the sea."[7]

Stephen Gorham of Barnstable, in his will dated 27 September 1743, probated 15 December 1743, mentioned his loving wife, Elizabeth, who was named executrix. Four of his daughters, Mary, Susannah, Sarah and Elizabeth, were each given ten shillings, they having had their portions previously. Three younger daughters, Eunice, Lois and Lydia, were each given £12-10-0. Four sons, Nathaniel, Barnabas, Stephen and Josiah, shared all of the real estate equally between them. Stephen added, "My son Nathaniel, as a further condition of what I have given him, shall make no demand out of my Estate for any debt due or owing from me to him, and I do hereby on that condition release all such demand upon him or against him." Witnesses were John Gorham, Bethiah Gorham and Thankful Matthews.[8]

Children (**Gorham**), fifth through eleventh recorded in Barnstable, Mass., others mentioned in father's will:[9]

+254 i. **Mary**[5], born 15 March 1704.
+255 ii. **Susannah**, born 8 October 1705.
+256 iii. **Nathaniel**, born 3 May 1709.

+257 iv. **Sarah**, born 6 August 1711.
v. **Barnabas**, born 20 March 1715; mentioned in father's will; said to have died unmarried; no further record.[10]
vi. **Zaccheus**, born 20 April 1717; died unmarried; not mentioned in father's will.
+258 vii. **Elizabeth**, born 6 July 1718.
+259 viii. **Eunice**, born 29 March 1720.
ix. **Stephen**, born 20 February 1722; mentioned in father's will; no further record.
+260 x. **Josiah**, born 2 June 1723.
+261 xi. **Lois/Lowis**, born 5 November 1727.
+262 xii. **Lydia**, born in January 1729.

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45. **Shubael Gorham**[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 2 September 1686,[1] the son of John and Mary (Otis) Gorham. He died at Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, 20 February 1745/6.[2]

Shubael Gorham married in Barnstable 23 December 1708 his cousin, **Mary Thacher**[4],[3] who was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 5 February 1686/7,[4] the daughter of John Thacher and his wife, Lydia Gorham[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #69, page 128.] Mary died in Barnstable 28 June 1778, aged 92 years, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable.[5]

Shubael Gorham's father, Col. John Gorham, in his will dated 8 November 1716, gave Shubael land in Barnstable and named him as co-executor of his estate. His mother, Mary Gorham, in her will dated 7 November 1727, gave Shubael £6.[6]

On 13 May 1707, with the rank of ensign, Shubael Gorham sailed in the expedition against Port Royal, Nova Scotia. Seventeen years later, in 1724, he bought land in Middleboro and Bridgewater, in Plymouth County, and in Kittery, York County, now in Maine. Shubael was the sheriff of Barnstable from 1713 to 1715, a commissioner in 1718, and Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in 1742. He headed a committee to secure grants of land at Narraganset No. 7, on the Penobscot River, now Gorham, Maine, for the officers and soldiers of Barnstable County who had served in King Philip's War. In 1745, he served as the colonel of the 7th Massachusetts Regiment on the Louisbourg Expedition, where he died.[7]

Col. Shubael Gorham of Barnstable, died intestate and insolvent, "due to his many investments in wild lands in Maine."[8] On 16 August 1746 James Lovell, Jr., was appointed as the administrator of Col. Gorham's estate. His inventory, dated 11 December 1746, was taken by David Crocker, Esq., Deacon Robert Davis, and Lt. John Hinckley, Esq., all of Barnstable. His total estate amounted to £2844-18-6, including his personal estate of £479-18-6 and real estate of £2365. He had more than 15 oz. of silver plate valued at £99-6. On that same date, 11 December 1746, the estate was declared insolvent.[9] On 31 October 1748, David Crocker and Robert Davis submitted a list of claims of the creditors of the Hon. Shubael Gorham, Esq., deceased, amounting to £5801-17-9, "pursuant to two warrants continued from 11 December 1746 to the last of October 1748."[10] On 14 January 174[?], "Mary Gorham, widow of Shubael Gorham, Jun.," was given £100 from her husband's insolvent estate.[11] On 9 February 1749, the administrator, James Lovell, Jr., reported a balance of £445-3-0 remaining in the estate. He was authorized to pay to Mary Gorham, widow, the sum of £60 old tenor. On the same date, he was authorized to pay 1 shilling 6 pence on the pound to Col. Gorham's creditors.[12]

The presence of three men, all named Shubael Gorham, living in Barnstable at the same time, has made it difficult to sort out their probate records. The oldest of the three was Shubael's uncle, Shubael Gorham[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) who was born in Barnstable, 21 October 1667, and whose wife was Puella Hussey. [See #12, pages 30-32.] He was the senior of the three Shubaels. The second Shubael, the subject of this sketch, was Shubael Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), a nephew of the oldest Shubael Gorham[3]. He married Mary Thacher[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and was a colonel in the Barnstable militia. He was called "Junr.," in town records because he was younger than his uncle, the first Shubael Gorham, which is the way the term "Junior" was used in colonial times. The third and youngest Shubael Gorham[5-5] was the son of Col. Shubael Gorham, Jr.[4], and his wife, Mary Thacher[4] and was born in Barnstable 22 June 1723. He was called Shubael Gorham, Jr., after his father's death in 1745/6, at which time he became the second man of that name in Barnstable. The youngest Shubael Gorham[5-5] died intestate in 1748, only two years after his father, while his great-uncle, the first Shubael Gorham[3], was still living, and before his father's estate was settled. Letters of administration on the intestate estate of the youngest Shubael Gorham[5-5], now called "Shubael Gorham, Junr.," were issued to his brother, David Gorham of Barnstable, Esq., on 7 June 1748.[13]

To complicate matters still further, the first and oldest Shubael Gorham[3], yeoman, was declared non-compos, 8 July 1749, and the same James

Lovell, Jr., of Barnstable, Gent., who was the administrator of the estate of Col. Shubael Gorham, was named guardian of the oldest Shubael Gorham's "person and estate, real and personal."[14] After his death, the will of the first and oldest Shubael Gorham of Barnstable, yeoman, dated 23 September 1748, was probated 7 August 1750. "Being advanced in years," Shubael Gorham mentioned his well-beloved son, George Gorham, and his seven beloved daughters, Abigail, Lydia, Hannah, Theodate, Desire, Ruth and Deborah. His trusty friend, Deacon John Hinckley of Barnstable, was named executor.[15] Thus the probate records serve to distinguish the three Shubael Gorhams from each other.

In spite of Col. Shubael Gorham's estate having been declared insolvent, his children all owned silver plate when they died, even his daughter, Mary (Gorham[5]) Clapp, who returned to Barnstable as a poor widow.

Two of Col. Shubael Gorham's six sons died as young men, unmarried. As reported in the *Boston Newsletter* of 8 May 1746, Capt. William Gorham, "3rd son of late Hon. Col. Gorham," died in Maryland when, as master of a Boston-owned brig, he was fatally burned as he attempted to throw overboard a pot of flaming turpentine that endangered his vessel. On 15 August 1746, his brother, David Gorham of Barnstable, gentleman, was named administrator of William's intestate estate. The inventory, valued at £142-15-0, was taken by David Crocker, Robert Davis and John Hinckley, and was presented to the court by David Gorham and accepted 11 December 1746.[16] On 7 June 1748, David Gorham of Barnstable, Esq., was named administrator of the intestate estate of his second brother, Shubael Gorham, mariner, as mentioned above.[17]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[18]

+263 i. **John**[5-5], born 12 December 1709.
+264 ii. **David**, born 6 April 1712.
+265 iii. **Mary**, born 7 February 1714.
iv. **William**, born 6 May 1716, died in Maryland before 8 May 1746, unmarried.
+266 v. **Lydia**, born 28 June 1718.
vi. **Hannah**, born 22 May 1720, died 18 June 1720.
+267 vii. **Hannah**, born 1 May 1721.
viii. **Shubael**, born 27 June 1723, died before 7 June 1748, unmarried.
+268 ix. **Joseph**, born 29 May 1725.
+269 x. **Benjamin**, born 5 June 1726.

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46. **John Gorham**[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 28 September 1688,[1] the son of John and Mary (Otis) Gorham. He died in Barnstable in 1769, in his 82d year.[2]

John Gorham married in Barnstable 2 October 1712 **Prudence Crocker**[4],[3] who was born in Barnstable 26 July 1692 (*sic*),[4] the daughter of Joseph Crocker and his wife, Anne[3] Howland (*John*[2-1]). Prudence died in Barnstable, in January 1779, aged "about 85," called "the widow Gorham."[5]

Prudence was mentioned as "Prudence Gorham" in the will of her father, Joseph Crocker, Gent., as was her son, Joseph Gorham.[6] She was admitted to the East Precinct Church in Barnstable 26 December 1771, "at home, confined by sickness."[7]

John Gorham was a merchant engaged in the cod and whale fisheries. He was the sheriff of Barnstable County from 1748 through 1764, and the Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in 1765.[8]

In his will dated 4 November 1762, probated 19 October 1769, he bequeathed to his wife, Prudence, half of his house and land, etc., and also his negro girl, Peg, and half of the services of his negro Cesar. He mentioned his sons, Benjamin and Nathaniel, and his five daughters Thankful, Mary, Abigail, Rachel and Prudence, the latter to have a right in the house so long as she remained single. He named his granddaughter, Thankful Annable, his grandson, John Gorham, as well as his grandsons Daniel and Joseph Gorham, and the daughters (unnamed) of his son, Joseph Gorham, deceased. Son Benjamin was named as executor. There were three codicils to his will. In the first, dated 21 October 1765, daughter Abigail having died, John Gorham left £18 to Abigail's daughter, Sarah Gorham. In the second codicil, dated 12 January 1767, his daughter Prudence having married, he revoked the legacies given her and bequeathed £3 to her, the same as to the other daughters. In the third codicil, dated 3 November 1768, his daughter Mary Clapp having died, he bequeathed her legacy to her daughter, Prudence Clapp.[9]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

+270 i. **Joseph**[5-5], born 26 August 1713.
+271 ii. **Benjamin**, born 18 June 1715.
+272 iii. **Ann**, born 13 January 1716/7.
iv. **Deborah**, born 13 November 1718, married 16 November 1738 (intentions Scituate 15 July 1738) **Samuel Barker** of Scituate. She died in Scituate 11 December 1738, at 20 years of age, twenty-six days after her marriage. Samuel Barker married second, 6 December 1739 Patience Howland[3] (*Jabez*[2], *John*[1]).[11]
v. **John**, born 10 November 1720, died young.
+273 vi. **Thankful**, born 10 February 1721/2.
+274 vii. **Mary**, born 1 January 1723/4.
+275 viii. **Nathaniel**, born 30 September 1726.
ix. **Experience**, born 23 June 1728, died 5 July 1728.
x. **Mercy**, born 5 July 1729; not mentioned in father's will.
xi. **Naomi**, born 16 June 1731, died 21 June 1731.
+276 xii. **Abigail**, born 1 June 1732.
+277 xiii. **Prudence**, born 16 August 1734.
xiv. **Rachel**, born in 1736, married first, in Barnstable 12 February 1761 (intentions 4 December 1760) **Timothy Parker**, who was born in Falmouth, Mass., 19 April 1734, the son of Deacon Thomas and Experience (Nickerson) Parker.[12] He died in Boston 8 August 1769. Rachel married second, in Falmouth, 17 May 1772 **Moses Swift**, who was born in Sandwich 4 October 1720, the son of Samuel and Ruth (Hatch) Swift. Rachel died in Sandwich in 1807. Moses Hatch died there 28 June 1809. Rachel had no children by either marriage.[13]

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47. **Thankful Gorham**[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 15 February 1690,[1] the daughter of John and Mary (Otis) Gorham. She died in Barnstable after 2 February 1732/3, the date the inventory of her husband's estate was filed.[2]

Thankful Gorham married in Barnstable 16 June 1710 **John Fuller,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 6 October 1689,[4] the son of Dr. John Fuller and his wife, Bethiah, of Scorton Neck, Barnstable, a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller. John Fuller died in Barnstable 24 July 1732, in his 43rd year, and was buried in West Barnstable Cemetery.[5]

Thankful's father, Col. John Gorham, in his will dated 8 November 1716, gave Thankful £70. Her mother, widow Mary Gorham, called her "Thankful Fuller" in her will dated 7 November 1727.[6] Thankful's husband, John Fuller, in the distribution of the estate of his father, Dr. John Fuller, dated 16 November 1713, was given all of the housing, lands and meadows in the town of Barnstable which belonged to his father.[7]

Lt. John Fuller, in his own will which was sworn to 27 July 1732, probated 28 March 1733, gave his wife Thankful, the use and improvement of his property during her widowhood. He gave his son, John all of his land at the point and the dwelling house and barn, he to pay his sisters, Bethiah and Mary, £50 each. His son Nathaniel, was given land at the neck, he to pay his sister Hannah £10 and his sister Thankful £50. Lt. John Fuller named his wife, Thankful, and his brother-in-law, John Gorham, joint executors. Witnesses were Mehitable Blossom, Silvanus Bourne and Mary Jones. The inventory, submitted 25 January 1732/3 by Joseph Smith, Benjamin Bodfish and Benjamin Fuller, included an Indian boy and girl valued at £20 for both. The real estate amounted to £2250. Seth Lothrop and his wife, Mary, "once Mary Fuller," acknowledged receipt of her share of her father's estate, 17 November 1737. Joseph Bursley, Jr., and his wife, Bethiah, received Bethiah's share 4 April 1740. Hannah Smith acknowledged receipt of her share from her brother, Nathaniel Fuller, 24 July 1771.[8]

Children (**Fuller**), born in Barnstable, Mass., baptized in the West Barnstable Church in the name of Thankful, wife of John Fuller:[9]

+278 i. **Hannah**[5], born 1 April 1711, bapt. 2 September 1716 with her sisters, Mary and Bethiah.

+279 ii. **John**, born 3 August 1712; joint executor of father's will.

+280 iii. **Mary**, born 1 September 1715 (twin), bapt. 2 September 1716 with her sisters, Hannah and Bethiah.

+281 iv. **Bethiah**, born 1 September 1715 (twin), bapt. 2 September 1716 with her sisters, Hannah and Mary.

+282 v. **Nathaniel**, born 10 December 1716 (twin?), bapt. 21 April 1717 with his brother, Benjamin.

vi. **Benjamin**, bapt. 21 April 1717 (twin?) with his brother, Nathaniel; probably died young.

+283 vii. **Thankful**, born 19 September 1718, bapt. 20 November 1718.

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48. **Job Gorham**[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 30 August 1692,[1] the son of John and Mary (Otis) Gorham. Job died in Barnstable before 2 November 1762, the date his will was probated.[2]

Job married first, in Barnstable 4 December 1719 **Desire Dimmock**[5],[3] who was born in Barnstable in February 1696,[4] the daughter of Thomas Dimmock and his wife, Desire Sturgis[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Desire died in Barnstable 28 January 1731/2.[5] [See #149, pages 226-27.]

Job Gorham married second, in Fairfield, Conn., 24 November 1735 (intentions Barnstable 19 October 1735) **Bethiah (Sturgis**[5]**) Freeman,**[6] who was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 19 February 1695,[7] the daughter of James Sturgis[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Rebecca Thacher. Bethiah was the widow of Isaac Freeman by whom she had five children named Isaac, Edmund, Rebecca, James and David Freeman, all descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland through their mother. Bethiah died in Barnstable 11 July 1768, in her 73d year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable.[8] [For her ancestry and her children by her first husband see #157, pages 233-34.]

Job Gorham inherited the dwelling house built by his father. His first wife, Desire, was admitted to membership in the Barnstable East Precinct Church 20 June 1725.[9] Job's second wife, Bethiah (Sturgis) Freeman, was called "of Fairfield" when her intentions of marriage to Job Gorham were published in Barnstable, 19 October 1735.[10] Bethiah Gorham, on 10 January 1744/5, as guardian of her children by her first husband, signed a receipt from Edmund Freeman for her children's share of the estate of their father, Isaac Freeman.[11]

In his will dated 10 September 1753, probated 2 November 1762, Job Gorham mentioned his second wife, Bethiah, and his children by his first wife, Desire, namely his daughters Temperance Fuller and Desire Gorham, and his son, Thomas Gorham, who was named executor.[12]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[13]
By his first wife, Desire Dimmock:

+284 i. **Temperance**[5-6], born 23 July 1721.
+285 ii. **Thomas**, born 13 August 1723.

iii. **Edward**, born 2 September 1725, died young.
iv. **Desire**, born 17 March 1727/8, living in 1753; no further record.
v. **Job**, born 6 November 1730; not in father's will; no further record.

By his second wife, Bethiah (Sturgis) Freeman:

vi. **Sarah**[5-6], bapt. 15 August 1736, died young.

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49. **Mercy Gorham**[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 1 December 1695,[1] the daughter of John and Mercy (Otis) Gorham. Mercy died there 9 April 1782, aged 86 years, "relict of Co. Sylvanus Bourne."[2]

Mercy Gorham, called "Mrs. Mercy Gorham of Barnstable," married in Barnstable 20 March 1717/8 (intentions Falmouth, Mass., 4 January 1717/8) **Sylvanus Bourne**[4],[3] who was born in Sandwich, Mass., 10 April 1694,[4] the son of Col. Melatiah Bourne and his first wife, Desire Chipman[3] (*Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). He died in Barnstable 18 September 1763.[5] Like Mercy, he too was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

The Hon. Sylvanus Bourne was an inhabitant of Falmouth in 1720 but soon moved to Barnstable where his wife, Mercy, joined the West Barnstable Church, later becoming a member of the East Precinct church where she was admitted 4 July 1725.[6] Sylvanus was a colonel in the militia, a member of the Governor's Council, Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and Judge of Probate for twenty years.[7] He was named in the will of his father, Col Melatiah Bourne, with codicils dated 7 and 24 September 1742, probated 15 February 1742/3.[8] Mercy was also named in the wills of her parents, John and Mary Gorham.[9]

In his own will dated 20 May 1763, probated 15 February 1764, Sylvanus Bourne of Barnstable named his dear and loving wife, Mercy, as sole executrix. He gave his son, Melatiah Bourne, £266-13-4, and each of his other sons, William and Richard, received £133-6-8. To each of his five daughters, Desire Clap, Mary Stone, Hannah Hinkley (sic), Mercy Jordan and Eunice Gallison he gave £66-13-4. He made bequests to his grandchildren Kenelm, Joseph and Abigail Winslow, the children of his

deceased daughter Abigail Winslow, each of whom were to receive £22-4-0 when they reached 21 years of age or marriage. Witnesses were David Gorham, Thomas Annable and Ebenezer Hinckley.[10]

Widow Mercy Bourne of Barnstable, in her will dated 10 July 1781, probated 28 May 1782, gave her son Richard, among other things, his father's silver-hilted sword, a silver tankard, all of her real estate and tools, and her pew in the meeting house. She gave her wearing apparel and most of her silver plate and furniture to her three surviving daughters, Desire Clap, Mary Stone and Hannah Hinckley, to be divided equally, plus £30 each. She made bequests to her granddaughter Abigail Gallison, to her daughter Mercy Jordan, to the children of her son Melatiah Bourne, deceased, to the children of her daughter Abigail, deceased, and to the children of her daughter Eunice, deceased. She mentioned the children of her deceased son, William Bourne, her son-in-law John Gallison, Esq., and her daughter-in-law, Hannah Bourne. She also disposed of her three negroes, Nero, Cato and Chloe. Son Richard Bourne was named sole executor. Witnesses were David Gorham, Joseph Annable and Thomas Allyn.[11]

Children (**Bourne**), born in Barnstable, Mass., except the second child, who was born in Falmouth, Mass.:[12]

+286 i. **Desire**[5-5], born 19 January 1718, bapt. 4 October 1724.
+287 ii. **Mary**, born 22 April 1720, bapt. 4 October 1724.
+288 iii. **Melatiah**, born 14 November 1722, bapt. 4 October 1724.
+289 iv. **William**, born 27 February 1723/4, bapt. 4 October 1724.
+290 v. **Hannah**, born 8 December 1725, bapt. 9 January 1726.
+291 vi. **Mercy**, born 22 August 1727, bapt. 27 August 1727.
+292 vii. **Abigail**, born 21 June 1729, bapt. 22 June 1729.
+293 viii. **Sylvanus**, born 21 November 1731.
+294 ix. **Eunice**, born 16 February 1732/33, bapt. 25 February 1732/3.
+295 x. **Richard**, born 1 November 1739, bapt. 18 November 1739.

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9. The Children of Joseph Gorham[3]

50. **Sarah Gorham**[4] (*Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 16 January 1678,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Sturgis) Gorham. She died there 9 September 1705, aged about 27 years, and was buried in the Old Burying Ground in North Dennis, Mass.[2]

Sarah Gorham married, as his first wife, in Yarmouth, 20 April 1699, **Ebenezer Howes,**[3] who was born in Yarmouth about 1674,[4] the son of Jeremiah and Sarah (Prence/Prince) Howes. Ebenezer married second, in Yarmouth 20 November 1706 **Lydia Joyce,**[5] who was born about 1684, the daughter of Hosea Joyce and his wife, Elizabeth Chipman[3] (*Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Ebenezer and his second wife had eight more children, Samuel, Lydia, Thankful, Marcy, Anna, Prince, Susannah and Mary,[6] all descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland through their mother. Capt. Ebenezer Howes died in Yarmouth 8 January 1726/7, aged about 53 years, and was buried in the Old Burying Ground, North Dennis.[7]

Sarah died before her parents. Her father, Joseph Gorham, named Sarah's children in his will dated 27 July 1723, proved 20 July 1726. Her mother, widow Sarah Gorham, also named Sarah's children in her will dated 1 May 1728, proved 5 February 1738/9.[8]

According to his tombstone inscription, Ebenezer Howes was a sea captain.[9] In 1712 he had received 47½ shares of the common lands of Yarmouth.[10] In his will dated 3 December 1726, proved 13 February 1726/7, Ebenezer Howes named his second wife, Lydia, and his children by both wives, Lydia, Thankful, Mercy, Anna, Susannah, Mary, Samuel, Prince, Thomas, who was called "eldest son," Ebenezer, Sarah Sears and Elizabeth Howes. The last four children named were by Ebenezer's first wife, Sarah Gorham, studied here; the first eight mentioned were by his second wife, Lydia Joyce, and will be followed in the Chipman segment of the Howland family. Ebenezer's inventory was taken 22 February 1726/7, and amounted to £532-15-10 in personal property and £1920 in real estate. It included "the housing Thomas lives in."[11] On 16 September 1734, Thomas Howes, "third," and his brother, Ebenezer Howes, witnessed a deed in Barnstable which was recorded in Plymouth County, Mass., in which their half-brother, Samuel Howes, and their step-mother, widow Lydia Howes, executors for the estate of their father, Ebenezer Howes of Yarmouth, sold to Shubael Gorham, Jr., of Barnstable, Mass., for £40, all

of the land in Middleboro and Bridgewater that had belonged to their father.[12] Thomas Howes, "third," and Ebenezer Howes were their father's sons by his first wife, Sarah Gorham. No place of residence is given for either brother although Thomas is known to have raised his family in Yarmouth. There is no further proven information about Ebenezer.

Children (**Howes**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[13]

+296 i. **Thomas**[5], (twin), born 22 January 1699/1700.
+297 ii. **Sarah**, (twin), born 22 January 1699/1700.
+298 iii. **Elizabeth**, born 28 September 1701, mistakenly called "*Lydia* Crosby" in the will of her grandmother, Sarah Gorham.
iv. Unnamed son, born 5 July 1704, died soon.
v. **Ebenezer**, born 8 September 1705; living in 1734 when he witnessed a deed in Barnstable County with his older brother, Thomas Howes of Yarmouth, Mass., which was recorded in Plymouth County.[14]

Note: No proof has been found that the Ebenezer Howes who died in Stratford, Conn., 16 July 1764, age at death unknown, was the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Gorham) Howes of Yarmouth. It is true that the Yarmouth man's mother's brother, Joseph Gorham, lived in Stratford but there is no documentation for a family relationship between Ebenezer Howes of Stratford and Joseph Gorham of Stratford. Ebenezer Howes of Stratford married about 1732 Sarah Brinsmaid, daughter of Zachariah and "Mrs." Sarah (Cobett) Brinsmaid. A Samuel Brinsmaid witnessed Joseph Gorham's will. When Joseph Gorham's property was distributed to his sons, one of the boundaries was the property of a John Brinsmaid. Neither of these men were Ebenezer Howes's father-in-law, Zachariah Brinsmaid. Ebenezer and Sarah (Brinsmaid) Howes named their children Isaac, Sarah, Mary, Ebenezer, Samuel, Zachariah and John. None of them were given Gorham names such as Joseph, Thomas, Desire, Hezekiah or Josiah, the names of the brothers and sister of Sarah (Gorham) Howes. There were many other Howes families in New England, in addition to the Howes Family of Yarmouth. Until some real proof can be found, Ebenezer Howes of Stratford cannot be accepted as a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

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51. **Joseph Gorham**[4] (*Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 15 April 1681,[1] the son of Joseph and Sarah (Sturgis) Gorham. He died in Stratford, Conn., 24 April 1742, at 60 years of age,[2] and was buried in the Congregational Burying Place, Stratford.

Joseph Gorham, called "of Yarmouth," married first, in Charlestown, Mass., 9 November 1708 **Sarah Kirk** of Charlestown,[3] who may have been born in Newfoundland about 1685,[4] possibly the niece or younger sister of David Kirk of Charlestown, called "Gentleman from Newfoundland." Sarah's father's name may have been Joseph Kirk, the given name of her grandson, son of her daughter, Mary (Gorham) Munson. Sarah died in Stratford, Conn., 18 April 1722, in her 37th year, and was buried in the Congregational Burying Place.[5]

Joseph Gorham married second, in Boston, Mass., 20 June 1723 **Temperance (Norton) Adams,**[6] who was born in Boston 16 March 1697/8,[7] the widow of James Adams of Boston and the daughter of David and Temperance Norton. Temperance had two children by James Adams named Temperance, born 5 July 1717, and Rebecca, born 21 August 1718, not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[8] Temperance died, probably in Stratford, between 3 March 1743 when she was called "sole executrix" of her husband's estate, and 15 April 1743, the date her step-son, George Gorham, was appointed as administrator for "the estate of Temperance Gorham, late of Stratford."[9]

Joseph Gorham was mentioned in the wills of both of his parents, Joseph and Sarah Gorham, dated 27 July 1723 and 1 May 1728.[10] He and his first wife moved from Yarmouth, Mass., to Stratford, Conn., around 1712. He was called "mariner" when he married his second wife, Temperance (Norton) Adams,[11] and "Captain" when his son, Hezekiah, was born. It probably was not this Joseph, but his son of the same name, who was recorded as having contributed to the building fund of the Second Episcopal Church in Stratford in February 1742/3, nine months after this Joseph's death.[12]

In his will dated 22 September 1741, proved 20 May 1742, Joseph Gorham, late of Stratford, gave his loving wife, Temperance, his house and home lot during her natural life. After her death it was to be divided equally between five of his six sons, Joseph, John, Samuel, Hezekiah and Benjamin Gorham, omitting his eldest son, George. He gave his wife his plate and silver, including his tankard, a can, a beaker, a Jill cup and spoons, a porringer, and several more spoons, describing the identifying marks on them. Temperance was also given all of his movables and chattels, except for a silver two-eared cup which he gave to his eldest son, George Gorham. He gave a silver porringer and spoon to his daughter, Mary Munson, a silver porringer to his son Joseph Gorham, and two silver spoons to his son, John Gorham. He named his wife, Temperance,

and his "good friend, Ephraim Curtis, Esq.," as his executors. Witnesses were Nathaniel Beach, James Beach and Samuel Brinsmaid. On 20 May 1742, Temperance Gorham accepted the trust as executrix of her husband's estate, but Ephraim Curtis refused to serve.[13]

An inventory of the real and personal estate of Joseph Gorham, late of Stratford, was taken 3 August 1742 by Daniel Hawley and William Lampson, appraisers. It included a house, barn, warehouse and home lot valued at £800-0-0, and a Negro wench and two Negro children valued at £210-0-0. The inventory was filed by Temperance Gorham, "sole executrix," 3 March 1742/3, and was approved.[14] Temperance died within a month for, on 15 April 1743, Joseph's eldest son, George Gorham of Stratford, was appointed administrator of the intestate estate of his stepmother, Temperance Gorham, late of Stratford, deceased.[15] On 5 May 1743, the probate judge appointed Joseph Gorham's son-in-law, Daniel Munson, along with Daniel Hawley, both of Stratford, as administrators "cum testimento annexo" [with will annexed], for Joseph's estate.[16] The inventory of the estate of Joseph Gorham, was taken again by Daniel Hawley and William Lampson and was presented 6 December 1743 by Daniel Munson, administrator, and accepted and recorded. On the same day, an inventory of the estate of Temperance Gorham, taken by the same appraisers, was presented by Temperance Gorham's step-son, George Gorham, administrator for her estate. It included a strand of gold beads and a locket, an old ring, lace, several pairs of gloves, a cloak, and a number of silk gowns.[17]

Guardians were appointed for the minor children of Joseph Gorham starting 3 March 1742/3, when Hezekiah Gorham chose Mr. Ephraim Curtis, Esq., of Stratford, as his guardian. On 15 April 1743, George Gorham of Stratford was appointed as the guardian of his youngest half-brother, Benjamin Gorham. On 5 May 1743, Samuel Gorham chose James Beach of Stratford to be his guardian. On 25 January 1749/50 Abraham Curtis of Stratford was elected guardian of Benjamin Gorham of Stratford.[18]

Because some of the children were minors when their parents died, the estate was not settled until 1750. The debts against the estate were greater than the number of movable assets that could be sold to pay the debts so, by an Act of Assembly of the government in Hartford, Conn., in May 1750, Robert Walker of Stratford was ordered to sell enough of the real estate owned by the estate of Joseph Gorham, deceased, to satisfy the sums of £295-3-2 and £317-1-2. This land was sold to Joseph Ufford.[19]

On 2 July 1750, the probate court in Fairfield ordered a distribution of the housing and part of the homestead, divided into five shares, exempting the part that had been sold to pay the debts of the deceased. Messrs Ephraim Curtis, Elnathan Wheeler and Daniel Porter, all of

Stratford, freeholders, distributed part of the homestead to Joseph Gorham, who received the land with the warehouse on it. The shares of one-fifth part each that had been inherited by John, Samuel and Hezekiah Gorham, had been bought from them by their oldest brother and half-brother, George Gorham. He was now given their three shares which included more than one acre with the dwelling house on it, excepting £40 "in said house, in old currency," which was set out to the youngest son, Benjamin Gorham, who also received 107 rods of land as the fifth share of his father's estate. The whole value of the house was reckoned at £500 "old currency." The distribution was "performed and completed" 21 September 1750.[20] Although Joseph's eldest son, George, had not been given a share of the real estate by his father, in his will, presumably because he had already received his share of land, George nevertheless ended up with most of his father's real estate. On 22 September 1750, Capt. George Gorham, called "administrator for the intestate estate of Capt. Jos. Gorham," personally appeared and exhibited an inventory of what was left in the estate which still contained two acres of salt meadow in the Common Meadow land, worth £45 per acre.[21] In December 1750, the sale by order of the court, of three acres and fifty-five rods of land was confirmed to Joseph Ufford, land which George Gorham had already repurchased from him.[22]

Note: Orcutt, in his *History of Stratford, Conn.*, has confused this Joseph Gorham of Stratford, son of Joseph, with his cousin, Joseph Gorham of Green's Farms, Fairfield, son of Jabez[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), who married first, Abigail Lockwood, and second, Deborah Barlow. Joseph Gorham, son of Jabez, was called "2nd" in order to distinguish him from the Joseph Gorham, son of Joseph, studied here, who was called "Capt." [For the family of Joseph Gorham "2nd" see #58, pages 108-10.]

Children (**Gorham**), first two born in Yarmouth, Mass., others born in Stratford, Conn.:[23]

By his first wife, Sarah Kirk:

+299 i. **Mary**[5], born 25 November 1709.

+300 ii. **George**, born 20 May 1711, called "Jorge, of Joseph, Jr., and Sarah his wife."

+301 iii. **Joseph**, born 17 November 1712.

iv. **Elizabeth**, born 1 November 1716, died 23 November 1716.

+302 v. **John**, born 20 July 1718.

By his second wife, Temperance (Norton) Adams:

+303 vi. **Samuel**, born 15 July 1724, aged about 18 when his father died.

+304 vii. **Hezekiah,** born 20 March 1727/8, aged about 16 when his father died.

+305 viii. **Benjamin,** born 17 November 1733, aged about 9 when his father died.

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52. **Samuel Gorham**[4] (*Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., in October 1682,[1] the son of Joseph and Sarah (Sturgis) Gorham. He probably died in Bristol, R.I., which was then in Massachusetts, before 27 April 1712, the date his wife was called a widow.[2]

Samuel Gorham of Newport, R.I., called "late of Yarmouth," married in Newport 22 June 1708 **Elizabeth Hedge,**[3] who was born in Bristol, 5 May 1687,[4] the daughter of William and Elizabeth Hedge of Bristol. After her husband's death, Elizabeth married second, in Boston, Mass., 14 February 1713/4, John Royall,[5] by whom she had one son, Joseph Royall, born 23 January 1714/5,[6] not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Elizabeth died before 25 November 1719, the date her second husband married again.[7]

On 11 March 1709/10, Samuel Gorham of Newport, mariner, and Elizabeth, his wife, with her sister Sarah, and Sarah's husband, Robert Fowler of Boston, mariner, "the only surviving children of William Hedge of Bristol, mariner, deceased," signed a deed for the sale of land in Bristol inherited from her deceased brother, William Hedge of Bristol, who was also a mariner.[8] On 27 April 1712, Elizabeth Gorham, "widow, a liver at Newport," was baptized in Christ Church, Bristol.[9]

Samuel Gorham apparently died without issue, before the deaths of his parents, Joseph and Sarah Gorham. They did not mention Samuel nor any of his heirs in their wills dated 27 July 1723 and 1 May 1728.[10]

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53. **Desire Gorham**[4] (*Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., in April 1685, the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Sturgis) Gorham. She died in Yarmouth 23 June 1749.

Desire Gorham married in Yarmouth 11 June 1706 **John Baxter**[4], who was born in Yarmouth about 1680, the son of Thomas Baxter and his wife, **Temperance (Gorham**[3]**) Sturgis**, also a descendant of Mayflower passenger John Howland. John Baxter died in Yarmouth after 1749, the date of his wife's death, when she was called his wife, not his widow.

[For the record of this family see #29, pages 60-61.]

54. **Josiah Gorham**[4] (*Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 2 December 1692,[1] the son of Joseph and Sarah (Sturgis) Gorham. He died in Yarmouth 1 or 2 April 1775, in his 83rd year and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery there.[2]

Josiah married first, perhaps in Rhode Island before July 1717, a wife named **Sarah**,[3] whose parentage has not been determined. She died in Yarmouth 2 February 1719/20.[4]

Josiah married second, in Yarmouth 15 March 1721/2 (intentions 21 February 1721) **Priscilla Sears**,[5] who was born in Yarmouth 1 July 1701 and baptized in Harwich 2 May 1708, the daughter of Capt. Joseph and Hannah (Hall) Sears.[6] Priscilla died in Yarmouth 3 April 1760.[7]

Josiah married third, in Yarmouth 25 October 1761 **Mercy (Gray) Hallett**,[8] who was born in Yarmouth 13 April 1696,[9] the daughter of Edward and Melatiah (Lewis) Gray. She died in Yarmouth 24 or 25 March 1775, in her 79th year and was buried there in the Ancient Cemetery.[10] She was probably the widow of Ebenezer Hallett, whom she had married as his third wife.

Josiah Gorham of Yarmouth, yeoman, in his will dated 17 January 1772, and probated 15 April 1775, gave his dwelling house and land to his son, David Gorham, who was to pay his half-sister, Rebecca Brown, forty

shillings within one year. David was also to pay Josiah's grandson, Josiah Gorham, £8 when he arrived at "lawful age." If the grandson should die, his share was to be divided among Josiah's four surviving sons, Samuel, Hezekiah, Stephen and David. Samuel, a cordwainer, was given his father's great Bible and was named executor. All the remainder of the estate, real and personal, was divided equally among all four sons. He gave his loving wife, Marcy, the right to live in the "great chamber" of his house and have a cow and firewood, as long as she remained his widow. The witnesses were Judah Thacher, Stephen Hall, and Thomas Hawes.[11]

The grandson named Josiah, who was mentioned in Josiah Gorham's will, appears to have been the son of Stephen Gorham, born in Hardwick, Mass., 12 June 1760, who was twelve years of age when his grandfather made his will and the only grandson named for his grandfather. Sons Isaac and Josiah Gorham had both married but had died before their father, leaving no probate records and no recorded children. [See their records.]

Children (**Gorham**), first child by first wife born in Newport, R.I., others by second wife born in Yarmouth, Mass., all recorded in Yarmouth:[12]
By his first wife, Sarah:

+306 i. **Rebecca**[5], born 14 July 1717.

By his second wife, Priscilla Sears:

+307 ii. **Samuel**, born 3 January 1722/3; executor of father's will.
+308 iii. **Isaac**, born 28 February 1724/5, died 30 July 1747; married but died before his father; not mentioned in father's will.
iv. **Joseph**, born 30 May 1728; not mentioned in father's will.
+309 v. **Josiah**, born 14 April 1730; married but died before his father; not mentioned in father's will.
+310 vi. **Hezekiah**, born 14 September 1732.
+311 vii. **Stephen**, (twin), born 29 July 1735.
viii. **John**, (twin), born 29 July 1735; not mentioned in father's will.
+312 ix. **David**, born 3 May 1738.

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10. The Children of Jabez Gorham[3]

55. **Elizabeth Gorham**[4] (*Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, R.I., which was then in Massachusetts, about 1680,[1] the daughter of Jabez and Hannah (Sturgis) (Gray) Gorham. She died in Yarmouth, Mass., 11 April 1746.[2]

Elizabeth Gorham married first, probably in Bristol about 1700 **William Downs**,[3] who died in Bristol before 26 February 1706/7, the date his will was probated.[4] His parentage has not been ascertained.

Elizabeth married second, in Yarmouth, about 1710, her cousin, **Shubael Baxter**[4,5] who was born in Yarmouth in 1687,[6] the son of Thomas Baxter and his wife, Temperance (Gorham[3]) Sturgis (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #31, page 63-64.] Shubael Baxter died in Yarmouth 12 April 1740/1.[7]

Elizabeth's first husband, William Downs, was a mariner, according to the inventory of his estate taken in Bristol 26 February 1706/7 and presented by his widow, Elizabeth Downs, administratrix for her husband's intestate estate. No deeds were located for William Downs and items in the account indicate that they were renters. The estate consisted mostly of household goods and was valued at £42-18-0. The balance left in the account, dated 18 September 1708, came to £21-11-4. The court noted that the widow "hath three young children to bring up . . . and it being pretty hard with her . . . it is . . . decreed . . . that the said estate be settled upon and belong to the said Eliza. Downs as her own proper Estate."[8]

Elizabeth's second husband, Shubael Baxter, was mentioned by his father, Thomas Baxter, in his will dated about 2 June 1713, probated 9 July 1713. He also shared with his brothers, John and Thomas, in the distribution of the real estate and personal estate left by his mother, Temperance (Gorham) (Sturgis) Baxter.[9]

Elizabeth's father, Jabez Gorham, in his will dated 16 March 1724/5, mentioned his daughter, Elizabeth, "wife of Shobal (*sic*) Baxter," and his grandsons, Edward, William and Samuel Downs, who were given £30 each.[10]

Elizabeth's second husband, Shubael Baxter, was called esquire and yeoman. In his will dated 15 December 1738, proved 17 April 1741, Shubael Baxter gave his loving wife, Elizabeth, her dower thirds. His two silver tankards were bequeathed to his son, Richard Baxter, and to his

daughter, Thankful Thacher. He gave his daughter, Thankful, all of the real estate he had purchased from his son-in-law, Thomas Thacher, Thankful's husband. He also mentioned his step-sons, called "sons-in-law," Edward, William and Samuel Downs. Son Richard Baxter received the balance of the estate and was named sole executor. Elizabeth Baxter, widow of Shubael Baxter, received her share of the estate 19 May 1741 from her son, Richard Baxter, executor. Witnesses were Thomas Bray, John Matthews and Lemuel Merchant.[11]

Widow Elizabeth Baxter was called "spinster," meaning unmarried, in her will dated 2 December 1741, proved 17 April 1746, in which she named her two children by her second husband, Richard Baxter and Thankful Thacher, and her three sons by her first husband, Edward Downs, William Downs and Samuel Downs, the last two being named joint executors. She gave her daughter, Thankful, her "East India-Silk Gown, Silk Quilt and Long Velvet hood." Witnesses were Thomas Smith, Seth Crowell and Joseph Thacher. The inventory, dated 13 November 1746, amounted to £251-12-9.[12]

Children (**Downs**), by her first husband, William Downs, born in Bristol, R.I., then in Massachusetts:[13]

+313 i. **Edward**[5], born 22 June 1701.
+314 ii. **William**, born 17 September 1703.
+315 iii. **Samuel**, born 2 October 1705.

Children (**Baxter**), by her second husband, **Shubael Baxter**[4] (*Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[14]

+316 iv. **Thankful**[5-5], born 29 January 1711/2, married in Yarmouth 11 February 1730/1 **Thomas Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [For her paternal ancestry see #31, pages 63-64; for her husband and children see #77, pages 136-38.]
+317 v. **Richard**, born 6 July 1713, married in Yarmouth 11 April 1733/4 **Jene/Jane Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [For his paternal ancestry see #31, pages 63-64; for his wife and children see #181, pages 258-59.]
vi. **Hannah**, born 25 May 1720; not mentioned in parents' wills.

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56. **Jabez Gorham**[4] (*Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, R.I., then in Massachusetts, 31 January 1683/4,[1] the son of Jabez and Hannah (Sturgis) (Gray) Gorham. He died in Bristol, 21 November 1745, as recorded in St. Michael's Church, 23 November 1745.[2]

Jabez Gorham married first, before 1707 **Leah Littlefield** of Wells, Maine,[3] who was born in Wells 16 September 1687,[4] the daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Barrett) Littlefield. Leah was baptized in the Church of Christ in Bristol with her first four children, 27 October 1717.[5] Leah died in Bristol 15 May 1739, and was buried in St. Michael's Church.[6]

Jabez Gorham married second, in St. Michael's Church, Bristol, 31 July 1744 (intentions 30 March 1744) **Mary Maxfield**,[7] who was born in Bristol 21 November 1703,[8] the daughter of Ebenezer and Ann Maxfield.

On 13 February 1716, Jabez Gorham's father, Jabez Gorham, Sr., of Bristol, "for love and affection to my eldest son, Jabez Gorham, Jr., of Bristol," deeded and confirmed to his son the dwelling house and a small piece or gore of land where the younger Jabez lived. On 15 March 1724/5, the day before his father made his will, his father confirmed the gift of the property to Jabez Gorham, Jr., which was recorded 10 January 1727/8, after his father's death.[9] In his will his father said that Jabez was to "rest satisfied therewith."[10]

On 1 January 1727/8, recorded 17 February 1727/8, Jabez Gorham, cordwainer, with his wife, Leah, relinquishing her dower rights, sold land in Bristol to Capt. Thomas Lawton.[11]

The administration of the intestate estate of Jabez Gorham was given to Aaron Bourne, physician, 10 March 1745/6.[12] At a town council meeting held in Bristol 5 August 1754, Simon Monroe requested that he or some other person be granted the administration on the estate of Jabez Gorham, deceased, since Aaron Bourne was also deceased.[13]

Children (**Gorham**), first two born in Newport, R.I., remainder born in Bristol, R.I., and baptized in St. Michael's Church, all by his first wife:[14]

i. **Samuel**[5], born 27 November 1707, buried in Bristol, 25 November 1739.
ii. **Elizabeth**, born 9 April 1710, buried in St. Michael's Church, Bristol, 28 August 1726, as Eliza.

iii. **Shubael**, born 29 March 1713, buried in St. Michael's Church, Bristol, 11 September 1734.

+318 iv. **Hannah**, bapt. 27 October 1717.

+319 v. **Mary**, bapt. 10 October 1721.

vi. **Rebecca**, bapt. 5 January 1723, buried in Bristol, 25 March 1725.

+320 vii. **Nathan**, born 6 January 1725/6, bapt. in St. Michael's, Bristol, 30 January 1725.

viii. **Deborah**, bapt. 24 September 1732, died in Canterbury, Conn., in August 1792, unmarried.

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57. **Isaac Gorham**[4] (*Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, Mass., now in Rhode Island, 1 February 1689,[1] the son of Jabez and Hannah (Sturgis) (Gray) Gorham. He died in New Haven, Conn., before March 1739/40, the date the inventory of his estate was presented to the court.[2]

Isaac married first, date and place unknown, a wife named **Mary**,[3] who died in Bristol, 11 September 1716.[4]

Isaac Gorham, called "of New Bristol," married second, in New Haven, Conn., 6 August 1717 **Hannah Miles**,[5] who was born in New Haven 27 October 1697,[6] the daughter of Richard and Hannah (Easton) Miles. Hannah died in New Haven before 24 January 1756.[7]

Isaac Gorham, a cooper, bought land in New Haven, 1 March 1719/20.[8] Called "Mr. Isaac Gorham," he was admitted to New Haven as an inhabitant at a Town Meeting, 26 December 1720, and on 8 September 1722, was chosen freeman and sworn in.[9] On 13 August 1720 and on 20 June 1721, Isaac Gorham, called "late of Bristol, now of New Haven, County of Hartford, Colony of Connecticut, Cooper," sold land to Timothy Fales of Bristol, mariner.[10] In the same year, Isaac Gorham and his second wife, Hannah Miles, became members of the First Church of Christ in New Haven.[11]

Isaac's father, Jabez Gorham, in his will dated 16 March 1724/5, proved 20 April 1725, gave Isaac £30 "in passable money or bills of credit." In a quitclaim and release dated 18 May 1725, recorded 10 January 1728/9, Isaac Gorham of New Haven released his right to land in Bristol formerly owned by his deceased father, Jabez Gorham, in return for a legacy from his brother, Benjamin Gorham of Bristol, tanner. Witnesses were Samuel Howland and Abigail Howland.[12]

Isaac Gorham having died intestate, the administration of his estate was granted to Isaac's father-in-law, Lt. Richard Miles, 4 February 1739/40.[13] The inventory, taken by Jonathan Munson and Joseph (?) Hawley, amounted to £1255-9-6, and was presented 3 March 1739/40.[14] On the same day Lt. Richard Miles, was chosen by four of his grandchildren, John, Timothy, Hezekiah and Elizabeth Gorham as their guardian, which was allowed by the court. Lt. Miles was also appointed as the guardian of the two youngest children, Samuel and Hannah Gorham, both minors under fourteen years of age.[15] Isaac, the eldest son by Isaac, Sr.'s first wife, and Mary, the eldest daughter by the second wife, were both of legal age. On 11 June 1745 Samuel Gorham, minor son of Isaac Gorham, deceased, chose his older brother, Timothy Gorham, as his guardian.[16]

On 26 November 1745 Lt. Richard Miles, administrator of the estate of Mr. Isaac Gorham, late of New Haven, reported to the court that the clear estate totaled £816-16-6, whereof a single share or seventh part amounted to £131-4-4½. The eldest son, Isaac Gorham, Isaac's son by his first wife, had accepted for his portion the Samson house and lot, leaving the "other" house, the homestead and the warehouse with the land whereon it stood, to be divided among the "other several children."[17] The distribution to the children of Isaac's second wife was made 14 December 1745. John, Timothy, Hezekiah, Samuel, Mary, Elizabeth and Hannah, were each given a right in the wharf and a right in the house and home lot. In addition, Timothy was given the salt meadow on the westerly side and Hezekiah was given the warehouse and land adjoining it.[18]

Son Samuel Gorham died before 14 April 1755, the date the administration of his estate was given to his brother, Timothy. The inventory was taken by James Sherman and Thomas Howell and was valued at £18-17-6.[19]

Isaac's father-in-law, Lt. Richard Miles of New Haven, in his will dated 24 January 1756, mentioned "the heirs of my daughter Hannah Gorham, deceased."[20]

Children (**Gorham**), first two born in Bristol, now in Rhode Island, and baptized in the Church of Christ there; remainder born in New Haven, Conn., and baptized in the First Congregational Society:

By his first wife, Mary:[21]

+321 i. **Isaac**[5], born 28 May 1712/3, bapt. 10 July 1715.
ii. **Hezekiah**, born in February 1714/15, bapt. 10 July 1715, died 15 December 1715.

By his second wife, Hannah Miles:[22]

+322 iii. **John**, bapt. 10 July 1720.
+323 iv. **Mary**, born 10 October 1721.
+324 v. **Timothy**, born 13 November 1723.
+325 vi. **Hezekiah**, born 25 December 1725, bapt. 26 December 1725.
+326 vii. **Elizabeth**, bapt. 21 January 1727/8.
viii. **Samuel**, bapt. 12 July 1730, died without issue in 1755.
+327 ix. **Hannah**, born 5 May 1733.
x. **Sarah**, bapt. 6 July 1735, died in New Haven before 1740.
xi. **Richard**, bapt. 21 August 1737, died in New Haven before 1740.

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58. **Joseph Gorham**[4] (*Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, R.I., then in Massachusetts, 22 August 1692,[1] the son of Jabez and Hannah (Sturgis) (Gray) Gorham. He died in Green's Farms, Fairfield, Conn., 19 January 1773.[2]

Joseph Gorham married first, in Fairfield, 11 May 1715 (intentions Stratford, Conn., 7 April 1715) **Abigail Lockwood**,[3] who was born in Fairfield, 28 May 1694,[4] the daughter of Daniel and Abigail (Burr) Lockwood. Abigail died in Fairfield 23 January 1724/5, aged 31 years, and was buried in the Old Burying Ground, Fairfield.[5]

Joseph Gorham married second, in Fairfield, 13 January 1725/6 **Deborah Barlow**,[6] who was born in Fairfield, 10 January 1705/6,[7] the daughter of John and Ruth (Sherwood) (Drake) Barlow. Deborah died in Green's Farms, Conn., 25 January 1778.[8]

Joseph moved from Bristol to Stratford, Conn., in 1717, and finally to Fairfield, where he was a cordwainer and school commissioner in Green's

Farms.[9] He was called "Joseph Gorham 2nd" to distinguish him from his cousin, Capt. Joseph Gorham[4] (*Joseph[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*), who was born in Yarmouth, Mass., and moved to neighboring Stratford, Conn., with his first wife, Sarah Kirk.[10] [See #51, pages 97-100.] On 17 June 1725, recorded 10 January 1728/9, Joseph Gorham of Fairfield, quitclaimed his rights in the estate of his "honored father Jabez Gorham, late of Bristol, deceased," to his brother, Benjamin Gorham of Bristol, tanner, in return for a legacy from Benjamin. Witnesses were Jabez Gorham and Joseph Howland.[11]

On 2 April 1735 Joseph's cousin, Sylvanus Gorham[4] (*James[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) of Barnstable, "now of Fairfield," appointed Joseph as his attorney.[12] [See #41, pages 81-82.] On 5 March 1739 David Gorham[5], son of Joseph's deceased cousin, Jabez Gorham[4] (*James[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) of Fairfield, chose Joseph to be his guardian.[13] [See #40, pages 79-81.]

On 26 January 1755, Joseph and his second wife, Deborah, were admitted to full communion in the Green's Farms Church in Fairfield.[14] When another cousin, Joseph Gorham[5] (*John[4-3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) of Norwalk, Conn., and his wife, Abigail Lovell[5] (*Abigail Gorham[4], Shubael[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*), both died before 1 January 1760, Joseph Gorham of Green's Farms was named administrator of that estate.[15] [See #270, page 364-65 and #445, page 576.] The following 29 June 1760, Joseph Gorham of Green's Farms sponsored the baptism in Green's Farms Church of Theodate and Rachel Gorham, the orphaned daughters of Joseph and Abigail (Lovell) Gorham of Norwalk.[16] A few months later little Rachel Gorham died in Green's Farms 19 September 1760.[17]

Joseph's son, Daniel Gorham, died unmarried in 1787. The administration of his estate was granted to his half-brother, Shubael Gorham, and a cousin or nephew, Joseph Gorham, 1 October 1787. The inventory of the estate of Daniel Gorham, taken by Daniel Bulkley and Jesse Burr, totaled £322-12-4, and included a bond against Hezekiah Sturges for £319-10-0. It was approved by the court 5 November 1787. On the same day, Elisha Bradley, Daniel Bulkley and Jesse Burr, all of Fairfield, freeholders, were appointed by the court to distribute the estate to Daniel's brothers of the full blood, Lockwood and Ichabod Gorham, who received one-third each, and to the heirs of their other full-blood brother, Jabez Gorham, named as Martha, Abigail, Rachel, Jabez and Ellen, who each received one-fifteenth of Daniel's estate.[18]

No probate records were found in Fairfield for Joseph Gorham.

Children (**Gorham**), first child born and recorded in Stratford, Conn., others recorded in Fairfield, Conn., first thirteen baptized in Christ's Church, Fairfield, Conn., fifteenth baptized in Westport, Conn.:[19]
By his first wife, Abigail Lockwood:

i. **Hannah**[5], born 10 March 1715/6, died young.
ii. **Daniel**, born 10 November 1717, bapt. same day, died unmarried, before 1 October 1787, the day administrators were appointed for his estate.[20]
+328 iii. **Jabez**, born and bapt. 22 March 1718/9.
+329 iv. **Lockwood**, born 1 January 1720/1, bapt. 15 January 1720/1.
v. **Joseph**, bapt. 25 February 1721/2, died young.
vi. **Shubael**, born and bapt. 15 September 1723, died young.
+330 vii. **Ichabod**, born and bapt. 31 January 1724/5.

By his second wife, Deborah Barlow:

+331 viii. **Shubael**, born 28 October 1726, bapt. 6 November 1726.
ix. **Abigail**, born 7 April 1728, bapt. 28 April 1728, died before 1744.
+332 x. **Isaac**, born 14 November 1730, bapt. 30 November 1729 (*sic.*).
+333 xi. **John**, born 4 July 1732, bapt. 16 July 1732.
xii. **Hannah**, born 4 May 1737, bapt. 8 May 1737; no further record.
+334 xiii. **Mary**, born 25 December 1739, bapt. 30 December 1739.
+335 xiv. **Joseph**, born 20 November 1741.
+336 xv. **Abigail**, 2nd, born 7 April 1744, bapt. in Westport 15 April 1744.

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59. **Benjamin Gorham**[4] (*Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, R.I., then in Massachusetts, 11 December 1695,[1] the son of Jabez and Hannah (Sturgis) (Gray) Gorham. He died in Providence, R.I., between 18 October 1771 and 25 January 1772.[2]

Benjamin Gorham married in 1717, probably in Bristol, **Bethiah Cary**,[3] who was born in Bristol 9 December 1696, and baptized there 13 December 1696,[4] the daughter of David and Elizabeth (Bracket) Cary, who came to Bristol from Billerica, Mass.[5] Bethiah died, perhaps in Providence, before 1753, the year her husband sold land to their son, Jabez, but Bethiah did not sign away her dower rights.[6]

Benjamin Gorham was a joint executor, with his mother, of his father's will dated 16 March 1724/5.[7] On 18 May 1725, Benjamin was called "of Bristol, tanner," when his brother, Isaac Gorham of New Haven, Conn., signed a receipt for his share of their father's estate. His brother, Joseph Gorham of Fairfield, Conn., followed suit on 16 June 1725.[8] On 15 March 1724/5, Benjamin received, by deed of gift, his father's dwelling house and one acre of land in Bristol near Hope and High Streets, as well as half of his father's ten-acre tan yard on Wood Street.[9] On 9 July 1726, Benjamin and Bethiah sold one-quarter acre of land in Bristol which she had inherited from her father, David Cary.[10] On 6 January 1728/9, Benjamin sold five acres in Bristol, adjoining his tan yard.[11] His mother, Hannah Gorham of Yarmouth, Mass., granted him a quit-claim deed dated 7 September 1732, for five acres on Wood Street, for which he then signed a mortgage deed the same day, to his brother-in-law, Shubael Baxter of Yarmouth, the second husband of his sister, Elizabeth.[12]

On 30 August 1733 and on 26 March 1734, Benjamin Gorham sold his house, land and tan yard in Bristol to Benjamin Cary, in both deeds being called, "Benjamin Gorham, late of Bristol . . . now of Providence."[13] The first record of any land purchase by Benjamin in Providence was on 26 March 1740, when he bought a small lot from John Field.[14] Land records indicate subsequent transactions there, mostly referring to an area of Providence called Stamper's Hill.[15] Benjamin Gorham was listed as a freeman of Rhode Island in Providence in 1747.[16]

In his will dated 14 May 1764, proved 23 May 1772, Benjamin Gorham of Providence mentioned his son, Jabez, who was named executor, his two daughters, widow Elizabeth Granger and Sarah Whipple, and his grandson Samuel Owen, who was given a pair of silver buckles that had belonged to his uncle, Samuel Gorham. Benjamin's inventory, dated 25 January 1772, was presented to the Providence Town Council, 1 February 1772.[17]

Children (**Gorham**), born and baptized in the Church of Christ in Bristol, R.I.:[18]

i. **Benjamin**[5], born 22 August 1718, bapt. 5 August 1722, died young.

+337 ii. **Bethiah**, born 10 October 1721, bapt. 5 August 1722.

+338 iii. **Sarah**, born 15 September 1723, bapt. 24 November 1723.

+339 iv. **Jemima**, born perhaps in 1725; her father mentioned her son in his will.
+340 v. **Elizabeth**, bapt. 21 January 1727/8.
+341 vi. **Jabez**, born perhaps in 1730; executor of father's will.
vii. **Samuel**, born perhaps in 1732; mentioned as deceased in father's will; no known children.

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11. The Children of Mercy Gorham[3]

60. **Edward Denison**[4] (*Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born about 1678 and baptized in Stonington, Conn., 14 November 1683,[1] the son of George and Mercy (Gorham) Denison. Edward drowned in Westerly, R.I., 9 December 1726.[2]

Edward Denison "of Stoneing town" married first, in Yarmouth, Mass., 29 November 1701 **Mercy Hedge** "of Yarmouth,"[3] who was born in Yarmouth in September 1680,[4] the daughter of Elisha and Mary Hedge of Yarmouth. Mercy died, probably in Westerly after 18 October 1715, when she signed a legal document, and before 2 March 1718, the date of her husband's second marriage.[5]

Edward Denison married second, in Westerly 2 March 1718, his cousin, **Anna (Denison) Minor,**[6] who was born in Stonington 3 October 1684,[7] the daughter of John and Phebe (Lay) Denison. She was the widow of Samuel Minor. Anna (Denison) (Minor) Denison may have married third, 16 July 1734 Ensign Jere Ripley.[8] Anna probably died some time after that date.[9]

Mercy's father, Elisha Hedge of Yarmouth, in his will dated 13 February 1729/30, made bequests of £10 to each of the children of his daughter, Mercy Denison, named as John, Elisha, Mary and Desire Denison.[10]

Edward's father, George Denison, in his will dated 24 December 1711, proved 10 March 1712, mentioned Edward as one of his elder sons.[11]

Edward Denison was an innkeeper in Westerly.[12] On 4 February 1711/2, Edward Dennison of Westerly quit-claimed to his youngest brother, George Denison, the house and land where their father, George Denison, had lived.[13]

Edward Denison died intestate. On 26 December 1726, the Westerly Town Council ordered an inventory of the estate of "Mr. Edward Denison Who is to be Supposed and is Supposed to depart this life by an untimely eand by being drownded on the 9th Onstant or the night following." On 30 January 1726/7, Edward's son, John Denison, was granted a letter of administration on the estate of his father, Edward Denison. Edward's inventory, dated 16 January 1726/7, showed a value of £1608-14-1.[14]

Children (**Denison**), born in Westerly, R.I., all by his first wife:[15]

i. **Edward**[5], born about 1702, died young.

+342 ii. **John**, born about 1703; mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Elisha Hedge.

iii. **Elisha**, born about 1705; mentioned in grandfather Hedge's will. An Elisha Denison, possibly this person, died 2 November 1714 but another man, also with the same name, was baptized as an adult in Stonington 25 April 1736.[16]

+343 iv. **Mary**, born about 1707; mentioned in grandfather Hedge's will.

+344 v. **Desire**, born about 1709; mentioned in grandfather Hedge's will.

Note: No proof has been found for a daughter named Abby. She was not mentioned with the other children in grandfather Elisha Hedge's will.

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61. **Joseph Denison**[4] (*Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in 1681 and baptized in Stonington, Conn., 14 November 1683,[1] the son of George and Mercy (Gorham) Denison. He died in Stonington 18 February 1724/5, in his 42d year.[2]

Joseph Denison married, as her first husband, in Stonington 17 February 1707 **Prudence Minor**,[3] who was baptized in Stonington 6 May 1688,[4] the daughter of Joseph and Mercy (Avery) Minor. Prudence married second, 20 January 1726 Benjamin Sprague of Lebanon, Conn.[5] Prudence died in Stonington 17 May 1726.[6]

Joseph was mentioned by his father, George Denison of Westerly, in his will dated 24 December 1711, proved 10 March 1712.[7]

Joseph Denison of Stonington, in his will dated 16 February 1724/5, proved 23 March 1724/5, mentioned his wife, Prudence, his oldest son, Joseph, who was to receive £500 as soon as he became 21 years of age; his sons Amos and Nathan, who were given £300 each; his daughters, Prudence and Borodell, who were bequeathed £100 each; and his daughters Joanna, Elizabeth, Thankful and Anna, who were given £80 each. His "brother," [brother-in-law] Joseph Minor, was named overseer, and his

wife, Prudence, was named executrix. Witnesses were George Denison of Westerly, and James Chipman and Amos Hallum of Stonington.[8]

There are two headstones for Prudence (Minor) (Denison) Sprague, one in Lebanon with her second husband, Benjamin Sprague, and the other in Stonington where she was buried with her first husband, Joseph Denison, and all of her children. Her headstone inscription reads, "Prudence Sprague, 2nd wife of Benjamin, formerly wife of Joseph Denison and Daughter of Joseph Minor, died at Stonington, May 18, 1726, age 38 years."[9]

Children (**Denison**), born in Stonington, Conn., baptized in the First Church of Stonington:[10]

+345 i. **Joseph**[5], born 21 September 1707, bapt. 23 July 1710.
+346 ii. **Prudence**, born 28 November 1709, bapt. 23 July 1710.
+347 iii. **Borodell/Borradell**, born 14 February 1711/2, bapt. 13 April 1712.
+348 iv. **Amos**, born 18 February 1713/4, bapt. 6 June 1714.
+349 v. **Nathan**, born 20 February 1715/6, bapt. 12 August 1716.
+350 vi. **Joanna**, born 28 January 1717/8, bapt. 3 August 1718.
+351 vii. **Elizabeth**, born 15 February 1719/20, bapt. 7 April 1723.
+352 viii. **Thankful**, bapt. 7 April 1723.
+353 ix. **Anna**, bapt. 3 May 1724.

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62. **Mercy Denison**[4] (*Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., in 1683, and was baptized 1 March 1685,[1] the daughter of George and Mercy (Gorham) Denison. Mercy probably died in Newport, R.I., after 1721, the year her daughter, Elizabeth, was buried there in the Common Burial Ground.[2]

Mercy Denison married, probably in Stonington, Conn., or Westerly, R.I., before 1709, **Mordecai Dunbar**,[3] whose birthplace and parentage have not been ascertained. Mordecai Dunbar may have married, second, in Trinity Church, Newport, R.I., 4 August 1745 Sarah Tompkins.[4] Mordecai died, probably in Newport, after 16 July 1744, when he was mentioned in

the will of his friend, Willem Volkers of Newport,[5] unless he was the man who was married in 1745, as mentioned above, and died later.

Mercy was called "Mercy Dunbar" by her father, George Denison, in his will dated 24 December 1711, probated 10 March 1712.[6]

Mordecai Dunbar was admitted to freeman status in Newport.[7] He was a tailor, according to a series of lawsuits filed in Providence, R.I., between 1734 and 1739, and in the will of Willem Volkers.[8] Mercy and Mordecai Dunbar's daughter, Elizabeth, was called "of Mordecai" when she was buried in the Common Burial Ground in Newport, 6 September 1721, "aged 4 years." Mercy, Mordecai and their other two daughters were not listed there.[9]

No probate records have been found for this family, which has been one of the most difficult and elusive groups among the descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Children (**Dunbar**), recorded in Newport, R.I., baptized in Stonington, Conn.:[10]

i. **Thankful**[5], born 31 January (year missing, probably 1710), bapt. 5 October 1712; no further record.

ii. **Mary**, born 30 May 1712, bapt. 5 October 1712; no further record.

iii. **Elizabeth**, bapt. 28 April 1717, buried in Newport, R.I., 6 September 1721, aged 4 years; called "of Mordecai."[11]

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63. **Samuel Denison**[4] (*Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., and baptized there 26 September 1686,[1] the son of George and Mercy (Gorham) Denison. Samuel died in Saybrook, Conn., 2 June 1724.[2]

Samuel Denison married about 1709, as her second husband, **Mary (Lay) Minor**,[3] who was born in Saybrook 3 October 1685,[4] the daughter of Robert and Mary (Stanton) Lay, and widow of Christopher Minor,

whom she had married in Stonington 9 March 1704, and by whom she had Mary and Joanna Minor,[5] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Mary married third, in Westbrook, Conn., 20 November 1733 Charles Williams.[6] She was called "Mary (Lay) (Minor), widow of Samuel Denison and Charles Williams" in Westbrook Church Records.[7]

Samuel was mentioned as one of the elder sons in the probate records of his father, George Denison, dated 24 December 1711, proved 10 March 1712.[8]

Samuel and Mary Denison lived first in Stonington, and later in the Westbrook section of Saybrook where the birth of their daughter, Joanna, was recorded 13 December 1715.[9] Mary was an original member of the First Congregational Church of Westbrook, 29 June 1726.[10]

In the estate records of Samuel Denison of Saybrook, the inventory, dated 18 August 1724, listed the names and ages of Samuel's children as Sarah, aged 14, Samuel, aged 12, George and Marcy, twins, aged 6, Christopher, aged 4, and Gideon, aged 9 months.[11] There was no mention of an unborn child which would seem to eliminate a son named Stephen, born 6 February 1725, as given in the Gorham MS 1:120B.[12]

Children (**Denison**), first four born and baptized in Stonington, Conn., rest born in Saybrook, Conn.:[13]

+354 i. **Sarah**[5], born 16 January 1710, bapt. 2 July 1710.
+355 ii. **Samuel**, born 23 October 1711, bapt. 14 June 1713.
iii. **Elizabeth**, bapt. 6 June 1714, died young.
iv. **Joanna**, born 13 December 1715, bapt. 16 March 1716, died young.
+356 v. **Mercy/Marcy/Mary**, born 6 January 1718 (twin); recorded in Saybrook town records as "Mary."
+357 vi. **George**, born 6 January 1718 (twin).
+358 vii. **Christopher**, born about 1720; not recorded in Saybrook records but mentioned in father's probate records, dated 18 August 1724, aged 4 years.
viii. **Stephen**, born 6 February 1721/2, died young.
+359 ix. **Gideon**, born in November 1724; mentioned in father's probate records dated 18 August 1724, aged 9 months.

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54. 11. *Gens. of Mayflower Fams.* 1:561, quoting Guilford Prob. Dist., unnumbered file for Samuel Denison. 12. Gorham MS 1:120. 13. Wheeler, *Stonington Ch. Recs.*, 208, 210, 211; Saybrook VR LR 2:384; Guilford Prob. Dist. File (Samuel Denison); *Gens. of Mayflower Fams.* 1:561.

64. **Elizabeth Denison**[4] (*Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 11 September 1689 and baptized there 11 May 1690,[1] the daughter of George and Mercy (Gorham) Denison. Elizabeth died in Charlestown, R.I., 22 November 1749.[2]

Elizabeth Denison married in Westerly, R.I., 5 December 1705 **Christopher Champlin**, Jr.,[3] who was born in Westerly 26 September 1684,[4] the son of Christopher Champlin. Christopher died in Westerly 23 October 1734.[5]

Elizabeth was called "Elizabeth Champlin" by her father, George Denison of Westerly, in his will dated 24 December 1711, probated 10 March 1712.[6]

This family lived in Westerly where Christopher Champlin, Jr., was a Deputy from 1723 to 1726.[7] In his will dated 12 October 1734, proved 28 October 1734, he was called "of Westerly, Yeoman." He bequeathed to his wife, Elizabeth Champlin, £400 "in lieu of her Right of Dowry & Power of Thirds," and her choice of one of his negroes, in addition to the best room in his dwelling house, as long as she remained his widow. He also left money and land to each of his children, Christopher, Joseph, George, Jabez, Oliver, Ann, Elizabeth and Mary Champlin. His inventory, which totalled £3703-11-6, was taken 22 November 1734 by Joseph Maxsen and Oliver Babcock. His eldest son, Christopher Champlin, was named sole executor. Witnesses were Samuel Clark, Enoch Kinyon and William Babcock.[8]

Receipts for their legacies were signed by his son, Joseph Champlin, 5 January 1745/6; by his daughter, Ann Gardner and her husband, Henry Gardner, 3rd, of South Kingstown, R.I., 8 March 1738/9, and recorded 4 November 1739; and by Arnold Belcher of Newport, R.I., for his wife, Elizabeth, dated 6 November 1744, recorded 3 December 1744.[9]

Widow Elizabeth Champlin "of Charlestown," left a will dated 19 November 1749, proved 4 December 1749. In it she was called "Widow and Relique to Capt. Christopher Champlin Late of Westerly." The children mentioned in her will were her sons, Christopher, Joseph, Jabez and Oliver Champlin, and her daughters, Ann Gardner, Elizabeth Belsher and Mary Champlin. Her estate amounted to about £750 in addition to her clothing and household goods, and two Negroes. Daughter Mary Champlin received a silver loving cup and two silver spoons. Son Christopher was named sole executor. Witnesses were Christopher Kinyon, Bridget Brown and Nathaniel Lewis.[10]

Children (**Champlin**), born in Westerly, R.I.:[11]

+360 i. **Christopher**[5], born 20 November 1707.
+361 ii. **Joseph**, born 4 August 1709.
iii. **Elijah**, born 20 July 1711, died 18 February 1711/2.
+362 iv. **Ann**, born 29 March 1714.
v. **George**, born 15 February 1715/6, died after 12 October 1734, the date of his father's will, and before 19 November 1749, the date of his mother's will.
+363 vi. **Elizabeth**, born 10 January 1718/9.
vii. **Thankful**, born 27 March 1721, died 22 October 1725.
viii. **Lydia**, born 19 November 1723, died 10 October 1725.
ix. **Elijah**, born 23 May 1726, died 29 March 1729.
+364 x. **Jabez**, born 31 August 1728.
+365 xi. **Oliver**, born 12 May 1730.
+366 xii. **Mary**, born 29 January 1731.

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65. **Desire Denison**[4] (*Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Stonington, Conn., 16 April 1693,[1] the daughter of George and Mercy (Gorham) Denison. She died in Stonington 13 August 1737.[2]

Desire Denison married in Stonington 19 February 1711/2, as his first wife, **John Williams**,[3] who was born in Stonington 31 October 1692,[4] the son of John and Martha (Wheeler) Williams. John Williams married second, Mary (——) Holmes, widow of Christopher Holmes of Kingstown, R.I.,[5] and had one more child, Edward Williams, baptized 27 July 1740,[6] not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Mary died 20 December 1740.[7] John Williams married third, in Portsmouth, R.I., 21 November 1741 Prudence Potter of Newport, R.I.,[8] who died in September 1762.[9] John Williams died in Stonington 30 December 1761.[10]

Desire was mentioned by her father, George Denison, in his will dated 24 December 1711, proved 10 March 1714, in which she was given £10, and called one of his two "youngest daughters."[11]

Desire's husband, John Williams, was referred to as "Col. John Williams" in birth entries for his children and in various documents among

his probate records. He served as a Deputy to the General Court and as a Lieutenant Colonel in the militia.[12]

John Williams was called "second son" in the division of the estate of his father, John Williams, 26 February 1711/2, which took place many years after his father's death, after John became of legal age. His father's inventory taken nine years earlier, dated 13 April 1703, included the names and ages of his children, calling this John eleven years old.[13]

The probate records for John Williams, Desire's husband, consisted of a very lengthy will, a codicil and eighty-seven other documents. In his will, dated 26 July 1760, proved 30 January 1762, John Williams of Stonington left to his third wife, Prudence, part of his house, the services of three negroes, a variety of livestock and different kinds of produce and provisions which were to be supplied to her annually, and "all of the household goods that now Remain Which She brought With Her When she became my Wife & Came to live with Me," all in lieu of her thirds, as allowed by law. To his sons John, William, Thomas, Robert, George and Edward Williams, he left parcels of land and one-sixth part of his "wareing Apparel." Sons John, Robert, George and Edward were to get negroes, also. If he died before his son Edward had built himself a house, John's sons, Thomas, Robert and George, were directed to pay money to Edward toward the cost of the materials needed to build one. He left a silver tankard to each of his daughters, Desire Cheseborough, Thankful Denison and Mercy Wheeler, as well as portions of his moveable estate, with a negro boy to go to Thankful, and a negro girl to go to Mercy. He also provided a "Mourning Suit" for "my son George Williams Wife Eunice." Nine negroes were disposed of in his will. In a codicil dated 26 August 1761, John Williams stated that his son, Robert Williams, was now deceased, so grandson Robert Williams, son of Robert, deceased, was to receive his father's portion. Also mentioned were his son Robert's widow, Rebeccah, and their other children Abigail, Mary and Rebeccah. His inventory, dated 17 February 1762, totalled over £5675 in value.[14]

Widow Prudence Williams of Stonington, John William's third wife, in her will dated 21 September 1762, proved 1 October 1762, gave a gown and her household goods to her beloved sister Martha Brownel of Portsmouth. The bulk of her estate, including four negroes, was given to her "son-in-law," (meaning her step-son), Edward Williams, her husband's son by his second wife, who was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Bequests were also made to Edward's wife, Mary, and to her granddaughter Prudence Williams.[15]

Children (**Williams**), by his first wife, Desire Denison, born and baptized in Stonington, Conn.:[16]

+367 i. **Desire**[5], born 25 August 1712, bapt. 25 May 1718.

+368 ii. **John**, born 11 May 1714, bapt. 25 May 1718.
+369 iii. **William**, born 1 May 1716, bapt. 25 May 1718.
+370 iv. **Thankful**, born 8 February 1717/8, bapt. 25 May 1718.
+371 v. **Mercy/Mary**, born 7 November 1719 as "Mary," bapt. 19 June 1720 as "Mercy."
+372 vi. **Thomas**, born 20 September 1721, bapt. 6 May 1722.
+373 vii. **Robert**, born 8 March 1722/3, bapt. 9 June 1723.
viii. **Prudence**, born 17 January 1724/5, died 25 January 1724/5.
+374 ix. **George**, born 9 July 1726, bapt. 29 July 1726, "at Williams' house, the child supposed to be dangerously sick."

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66. **Thankful Denison**[4] (*Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Stonington, Conn., 1 April 1695,[1] the daughter of George and Mercy (Gorham) Denison. Thankful died after 21 March 175[2?], the date on which she paid a debt owed by her husband's estate.[2]

Thankful Denison married in Stonington 31 December 1713 **Thomas Stanton,**[3] who was born in Stonington 9 January 1693, bapt. 26 March 1693,[4] the son of Robert and Joanna (Gardiner) Stanton of Pawcatuck, Stonington, Conn. Thomas Stanton died before 26 September 1751, the date his son, Robert, was appointed as administrator for his intestate estate.[5] Thomas did not marry, second, Mrs. Sarah (Hilliard) Fish, as stated in the Gorham Manuscript and in Wheeler's *History of Stonington*, for his wife, Thankful, survived him.

Thankful was one of the two "youngest daughters" mentioned by her father, George Denison of Westerly, R.I., in his will dated 24 December 1711, probated 10 March 1712, in which Thankful was given £10.[6]

Thomas Stanton and his family lived in Stonington. His father, Robert Stanton, in his will dated 15 March 1721/2, proved 15 November 1724, gave all of his extensive landholdings to his loving son, Thomas Stanton, "and his male issue." Thomas was named executor of his father's estate.[7]

Thomas Stanton died intestate. Among the documents in his probate packet were an Administrator's Bond dated 26 September 1751, signed by his son, Robert Stanton of South Kingstown, R.I., and by Simeon Minor of Stonington. Son Robert was appointed administrator. The inventory

for Thomas Stanton's estate, dated 1 October 1751, was valued at more than £12,855, and included £8,620 in lands and buildings. The appraisers were Amos Cheseborough and James Babcock. Additions to this inventory were made 9 November 1752, and included a "molatto Manservant," an Indian boy servant, and an Indian girl servant. There were a number of receipts for monies paid out of the estate by son Robert Stanton, as administrator, often by the hand of his brother, Thomas Stanton. One receipt, dated 21 March 175[2?] was for £2-15-0 received by Benjamin Earle, as paid by Thankful Stanton, "on the accompt of Thomas Stanton dec'd."[8] This proves that Thankful (Denison) Stanton did not die before her husband, as stated in the Gorham MS.

Children (**Stanton**), born and baptized in Stonington, Conn.:[9]

i. **Robert**[5], born 13 July 1715, died 23 July 1715.
+375 ii. **Robert**, born 2 August 1716, bapt. 14 November 1716.
+376 iii. **Thankful**, born 21 July 1718, bapt. 24 August 1718.
+377 iv. **Mary**, born 27 May 1720, bapt. 26 April 1722.
+378 v. **Elizabeth**, born 10 June 1722, bapt. 14 October 1722.
+379 vi. **Mercy**, born 14 June 1724, bapt. 12 July 1724.
+380 vii. **Prudence**, born 22 April 1726, bapt. 29 May 1726.
viii. **Nathan**, born 19 June 1728, bapt. 11 August 1728, died young.
+381 ix. **Thomas**, born 20 December 1729, bapt. 8 April 1730.
+382 x. **Anna**, born 22 March 1732, bapt. 14 May 1732.
+383 xi. **Desire**, born 22 April 1734, bapt. 2 June 1734.
+384 xii. **Hannah**, born 29 September 1736, bapt. 26 June 1737.

Note: No proof has been found for a daughter named Rebecca Stanton. She was mentioned only in the undocumented genealogical section of Richard A. Wheeler's *History of Stonington*.

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67. **George Denison**[4] (*Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Stonington, Conn., 7 May 1699,[1] the son of George and Mercy (Gorham) Denison. He probably died in New London, Conn., (recorded in Stonington), 16 January 1736/7.[2]

George Denison married first, in Stonington 28 September 1721 **Sarah Minor**,[3] who was born in Stonington 23 February 1701/2,[4] the daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Tracy) Minor. Sarah died in Westerly, R.I., 27 September 1724, in her 25th year.[5]

George Denison, called "of Westerly," married second, in Stonington 10 May 1727 **Joanna Hinckley** "of Stonington,"[6] who was born in Stonington 29 March 1708 and baptized there 19 November 1710,[7] the daughter of Samuel and Martha (Lathrop) Hinckley. Joanna married second, 11 November 1742 Moses Tyler,[8] who was born in Preston, Conn., 19 February 1707,[9] the son of James and Hannah (Safford) Tyler. Joanna died in Preston, now Griswold, Conn., 6 February 1786, aged 77 years.[10]

George Denison's father, in his will dated 24 December 1711, proved 10 March 1712, gave his youngest son, George, his house and land in Westerly, R.I.[11]

George Denison was a shipwright and lived on the farm he had inherited in Westerly, during the early years of his married life.[12] He must have moved to New London, Conn., about the time of his second marriage because he called himself "George Denison of New London in the county of New London," when he wrote his will dated 1 May 1734, which was probated 16 May 1738. In it he bequeathed to his loving wife, Joannah Denison, the whole of his estate during her widowhood "excepting One Bed and Furniture I give to my Son Joseph Denison which I had by my former wife." He also gave Joseph all of his "Farm of Land lying and being in the Town of Fairfield . . . to be Enjoyed by him after his mother's Decease or Day of Marriage which shall first happen." He gave his daughter, Sarah Denison, £100 and one-half of all of his moveable estate, "to be possessed and enjoyed by her . . . after her Mother's Decease or Marriage." He appointed his loving wife, Joannah Denison, sole executrix of his estate. The witnesses were Daniel Tuthill, Joseph Talman and James Talman.[13]

The inventory of George Denison, "Late of Stonington, who deceased 26 January 1736/7," was taken 5 January 1737/8 by John Breed and Amos Chesebrough. It amounted to £401-3-10 and included seven silver spoons, six small silver spoons, one pair silver shoe buckles, one piece of gold weighing 16 ounces, seven pewter platters, twenty-one pewter plates and £40-7-7 in cash. This was accepted and recorded 19 January 1737/8.[14]

In an accounting dated 25 January 1737/8, some of the debts of the estate of George Denison, this time called "of Stonington," were paid to Samuel Hinckley, John Denison, Clement Minor, John Breed and Amos Chesebrough. Joanna also charged for her time spent "in going to Rhode Island to settle Acct's with Capt. Davis and to take care of his wages & tools." She also listed £3-0 for "Gravestones for our children."[15] A later

inventory was taken "about 1740" for the estate of George Denison, "late of New London," amounting to £72-17-07.[16]

On 23 November 1742, Rufus Minor of Stonington, guardian of Joseph Denison, Junr., of Stonington, son of George Denison, received of Joanna Tyler of Preston, executrix of the last will and testament of George Denison, deceased, "one feather bed and a bolster & two coverlids and a set of curtains and one blanket." This was recorded 10 January 1743/4.[17] Rufus Minor was Joseph's uncle, the husband of Joseph's mother's sister, Mary Minor.[18]

On 21 November 1748, George Denison's daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Ezra Kinne, received from Sarah's "Honr'd Father & Mother, Moses & Joanna Tyler, Executors to ye Last Will of of my Honr'd Father George Denison ye full Sum of one hundred pounds money Old Tenor & half of ye movable Estate Given to me his daughter Sarah Denison, as a Legasey by his will Baring Date May ye first AD 1734." This was signed by Ezra Kinne and Sarah Kinne and witnessed by Asa Kinne and (?) Hutchinson.[19]

Capt. Moses Tyler, the second husband of George Denison's widow, Joanna, mentioned George's daughter, Sarah, in his will, proved 5 February 1787, in which he called her his "daughter-in-law Sarah, wife of Ezra Kinne." At that time, the term "daughter-in-law" meant "step-daughter."[20]

Children (**Denison**), first one born in Westerly, R.I., others probably born in New London, Conn., all recorded in Stonington, Conn.:[21]

By his first wife, Sarah Minor:

+385 i. **Joseph**[5], born 26 January 1722/3.

By his second wife, Joanna Hinckley:

ii. **Elijah**, born 6 July 1728, bapt. in Stonington 22 March 1730, died 8 May 1731, 2 years 9 months, "child of George Denison."[22]

iii. **George**, born 14 April 1731, bapt. in New London 2 May 1731, died 9 July 1731, "an infant 11 weeks, son of George and Joanna."[23]

+386 iv. **Sarah**, born 7 September 1733, bapt. in New London 16 Sept. 1733.[24]

Note: No proof has been found for a reputed daughter, Mary, listed in the Gorham MS and in the *Denison Genealogy*, as born 24 September 1724, daughter of George Denison and his first wife, Sarah Minor. This Mary was *not* mentioned by George Denison in his will and she is *not* listed in the Barbour Collection with his other four children.

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The family of Shubael and Mary (Thacher[4]) Gorham[4]

John[1] Howland
b. 1592 d. 1672/3

Plymouth
m. 1623

Elizabeth Tilley
bapt. 1607 d. 1687

John Gorham
bapt. 1620/1 d. 1675/6

Plymouth
m. 1643

Desire[2] Howland
b. 1625 d. 1683

John Gorham[3]
bapt. 1651/2 d. 1716

Barnstable
m. 1674

Mary Otis
b. 1652 d. 1732

John Thacher
b. 1638/9 d. 1713

Yarmouth
m. (2) 1683/4

Lydia Gorham[3]
b. 1661 d. 1744

Shubael Gorham[4]
b. 1686 d. 1745/6

Barnstable
m. 1708

Mary Thacher[4]
b. 1686/7 d. 1778

Children (Gorham), b. in Barnstable:-

i. John[5-5], b. 1709 m. Elizabeth Allen: 15 ch.
Colonel in Colonial army; granted land in Gorham, Me.

ii. David, b. 1712, m. (1) Abigail Sturgis; 10 ch.
(2) Hannah (Davis) Davis.

iii. Mary, b. 1714, m. Stephen Clapp; no ch.

iv. William, b. 1716, d. 1748, unmar.

v. Lydia, b. 1718, m. James Hersey: 1 ch.

vi. Hannah, b. 1720, d. in infancy.

vii. Hannah, b. 1721, m. Edward Crosby: 2 ch.

viii. Shubael, b. 1723, d. 1748, unmarried.

ix. Joseph, b. 1725, m. (1) Ann Spry: 12 ch.
(2) Elizabeth Hunter, widow.
General in the British army in the Revolution.

x. Benjamin, b. 1726, m. Nancy Hinckley: 5 ch.

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12. The Children of Lydia Gorham[3]

68. **Lydia Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 11 February 1684/5,[1] the daughter of John and Lydia (Gorham) Thacher. Lydia died in Harwich, Mass., 3 September 1724, aged 39 years [also stated as "aet. 40"], and was buried in the Old Burying Ground, Brewster, Mass.[2]

Lydia Thacher married in Yarmouth 13 October 1709 **Joseph Freeman,**[3] who was born in Harwich 11 February 1682/3,[4] the son of Thomas Freeman and his wife, Rebecca Sparrow. Joseph Freeman was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Elder William Brewster. Capt. Joseph Freeman married second, in Harwich 9 September 1736, (intentions 31 July 1736) Mary (Watson) Freeman,[5] the daughter of Elkanah and Mercy (Hedge) Watson and widow of Nathaniel Freeman. Joseph Freeman had one daughter, Mary, by his second wife,[6] who was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Joseph died in Harwich before 18 March 1756.[7]

Lydia's father, Col. John Thacher, mentioned her as his daughter, Lydia Freeman, in his will dated 25 April 1713, probated 19 June 1713.[8]

Joseph Freeman was an Ensign, Lieutenant and Captain in the militia, and served as a Selectman and a Representative to the General Court from Harwich for many years.[9] In his will dated 10 March 1756, probated 18 March 1756, Joseph Freeman of Harwich, Esq., gave his wife [not named] the goods she brought with her at marriage. He gave his granddaughter, Anna Freeman, one cow and one featherbed. He gave his three daughters, Elizabeth Perry, Lydia Clark and Rebecca Hopkins, parcels of meadow land. The remaining land and buildings were given to his son, Thacher Freeman, who was named executor. Witnesses were Watson Freeman, Nathaniel Stone and William Fessenden.[10]

Children (**Freeman**), born in Harwich, Mass., all baptized in the First Parish Church, 8 March 1723/4:[11]

+387 i. **Thacher**[5], born 3 December 1710.
+388 ii. **Elizabeth**, born 14 December 1712.
iii. **Joseph**, born 25 March 1714/5, died young.
+389 iv. **Lydia**, born 22 October 1717.
+390 v. **Rebecca**, born 23 April 1720.

vi. **Thomas**, born 23 March 1721/2, died young.

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69. **Mary Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 5 February 1686/7, the daughter of John and Lydia (Gorham) Thacher. Mary died in Barnstable, Mass., 28 June 1778, aged 92 years, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery there.

Mary Thacher married in Barnstable 23 December 1708, her cousin, **Shubael Gorham**, who was born in Barnstable 2 September 1686, the son of John and Mary (Otis) Gorham. Shubael died in Louisbourg, Nova Scotia in 1745/6.

[For the record of this family see #45, pages 86-89.]

70. **Desire Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 24 December 1688,[1] the daughter of John and Lydia (Gorham) Thacher. Desire died there 6 May 1722, in her 34th year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.[2]

Desire Thacher married in Yarmouth 10 April 1718 **Josiah Crocker**,[3] who was born in Barnstable, Mass., 8 February 1684,[4] the son of Josiah and Melatiah (Hinckley) Crocker. Ensign Josiah Crocker died at sea, near St. Mary's Harbor, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, 10 October 1721, and was buried at Port Royal.[5]

Desire was one of the unnamed "four youngest daughters" mentioned in the will of her father, Col. John Thacher, dated 25 April 1713.[6] Capt. Josiah Crocker was a sea captain and an ensign in the military service.[7]

In his will dated 27 April 1719, proved 25 January 1721/2, Josiah Crocker mentioned his wife, Desire, his brothers Ebenezer, Seth, Thomas, and Benjamin Crocker; his sisters Mary and Mehitable Crocker; the children of his sister Eles Lewis, named as Josiah Lewis, Mary Lewis and Anna Lewis; and Josiah Crocker, son of his brother Thomas Crocker. All of the preceding was to be null and void if he had issue "of his body." Widow Desire was appointed executrix 26 January 1721/2. The inventory, taken by Peter Thacher, Josiah Thacher and Josiah Miller, and presented 22 February 1721/2, amounted to £1444-9-1 less debts of £259-9-10. A few months later, on 23 May 1722, after Desire's death, Judah Thacher was appointed guardian for Josiah Crocker, a minor of about 2 years of

age, and for Desire Crocker, a minor of about 6 months of age. At the same time, Josiah's brother, Ebenezer Crocker, and Desire's brother, Judah Thacher, were appointed executors of Josiah Crocker's estate, in Desire's place. On the same day Judah Thacher was appointed as the administrator of his sister Desire's, estate. The inventory of Desire's estate was taken 16 January 1722/3 by Peter Thacher, Shubael Gorham and Josiah Miller, and amounted to £184-7-6.[8]

Children (**Crocker**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

+391 i. **Josiah**[5], born 30 October 1719.

+392 ii. **Desire**, born 17 December 1721.

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71. **Hannah Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 9 October 1690,[1] the daughter of John and Lydia (Gorham) Thacher. Hannah died in Colchester, Conn., 6 May 1780, at 90 years of age.[2]

Hannah Thacher married, probably in Yarmouth about 1714 **Nathaniel Otis**,[3] who was born in Marshfield, Mass., 30 January 1689,[4] the son of Judge Joseph and Dorothy (Thomas) Otis of Scituate, Mass., and later of Colchester, Conn. Nathaniel Otis died in Colchester, Mass., 15 April 1771, in his 81st year.[5]

The Otis family moved from Scituate, Mass., to the North Parish of New London, now Montville, Conn., about 1718, as is shown by the baptism in Scituate of their daughter, Hannah, 7 September 1718, in which Nathaniel and Hannah Otis were called "formerly of this town but now of New-London."[6] Nathaniel and Hannah Otis were admitted to communion with the First Congregational Church of New London, Conn., 11 September 1720.[7] The family moved to Colchester in 1723/4. Nathaniel held many town offices and was an ensign in the militia.[8]

Hannah was one of the unnamed "four youngest daughters" mentioned by her father, Col. John Thacher, in his will dated 25 April 1713, probated 19 June 1713.[9] Hannah and Nathaniel Otis named their first daughter "Lydia" for Hannah's mother, Lydia (Gorham) Thacher. They named their second daughter "Hannah" for Hannah, herself. They named their third daughter "Dorothy" for Nathaniel's mother, Dorothy (Thomas) Otis, and their fourth daughter was named "Desire" for Hannah's grandmother,

Desire (Howland) Gorham. Their fifth child and first son was named "Nathaniel" for Nathaniel Otis himself. Their sixth child and second son was named "John" for Hannah's father, John Thacher. Hannah's husband, Nathaniel Otis, was the son of Judge Joseph Otis of Scituate, Mass., and Colchester, Conn., whose sister, Mary Otis, married Hannah's uncle Col. John Gorham of Barnstable. [See #6, pages 22-24.] No marriage record has been found for Nathaniel Otis and Hannah Gorham but the relationship between the Gorham and Otis families was very close and the marriage certainly took place.

Hannah's husband, Nathaniel Otis, in his will dated 21 March 1768, mentioned his wife Hannah, his four surviving daughters, Lydia Thomas, Dorothy Day, Desire Bartlett and Mercy Bartlett, and his son, John Otis, who was named executor. The heirs of his daughter, Hannah Mackall, deceased, were given nothing because their mother had already received her portion. The inventory, valued at £102-5-2 was taken 29 May 1771 by Amos Thomas and Ichabod Bartlett.[10]

Children (**Otis**), all eight recorded in Colchester, Conn.:[11]

+393 i. **Lydia**[5], born 20 January 1716/7, bapt. in Scituate, Mass., 2 June 1717.

+394 ii. **Hannah**, born 29 February 1717/8, bapt. in Scituate, Mass., 7 September 1718.

+395 iii. **Dorothy**, born 16 April 1721, bapt. in Colchester, Conn., 30 July 1721.

+396 iv. **Desire**, born 20 May 1723, bapt. in Colchester, Conn., 18 August 1723.

v. **Nathaniel**, born 20 August 1725, died in Montville, 24 January 1740/1, aged 15 years; unmarried.[12]

+397 vi. **John**, born 1 April 1728.

vii. **Delight**, born 16 March 1730/1, died in Colchester 20 July 1740, aged 10 years.[13]

+398 viii. **Mercy/Marcy**, born 3 July 1734.

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72. **Judah Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 20 August 1693,[1] the son of John and Lydia (Gorham) Thacher. Judah died there 8 January 1775 and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.[2]

Judah Thacher married in Yarmouth 4 June 1724 **Sarah Crosby**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 4 February 1701/2,[4] the daughter of Joseph and Mehitable (Miller) Crosby. Sarah died in Yarmouth 20 October 1771, in her 70th year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery there.[5]

The Hon. Judah Thacher was named in the will of his father, Col. John Thacher, dated 25 April 1713 and probated 19 June 1713.[6] Judah lived in Yarmouth where he was a merchant. He served as a representative to the General Court in 1737, and as a selectman, town treasurer and town clerk.[7] Judah's father-in-law, Joseph Crosby of Yarmouth, in his will dated 15 May 1725, named his daughter, Sarah Thacher, and gave her five shillings, "besides what she has already received."[8]

Judah Thacher, Esq., and his wife were members of the West Yarmouth Church where their last two sons, John and William, were baptized in 1739 and 1743, called "of Judah and Sarah Thacher." On 12 December 1773 Judah's granddaughter, "Anah [Anner] Hawes" (*sic*), the daughter of his deceased daughter, Sarah (Thacher) Hawes, was also baptized there.[9]

In his will dated 7 August 1773, probated 10 February 1775, Judah Thacher of Yarmouth, Esq., "being advanced in age," gave his two grandsons, Solomon and Peleg Thacher, some land which was to be equally divided between them. He gave their brothers, his "other grandsons," Ebenezer, Isaac, Joseph, Daniel, Barnabas and Exekiel Thacher, 20 shillings each. He gave the same amount to his grandson Job Palmer, his deceased daughter, Sarah's son by her second marriage, and to each of his granddaughters Lydia, Sarah and Temperance Thacher, and Anna Hawes. He gave his son John Thacher the land on which his house stood, and son William was given his father's "now dwelling house." All four surviving sons, David, Josiah, John and William Thacher were given his dock jointly. David and Josiah Thacher were named joint executors. Witnesses were Richard Taylor, Joyce Taylor and Desire Rawson.[10]

Children (**Thacher**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., last two baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[11]

i. Daughter, stillborn 27 March 1725.

+399 ii. **Joseph**[5], born 10 September 1726, died before his father; his children were mentioned in his father's will.

iii. **David**, born 30 May 1728, died 29 July 1728.

+400 iv. **David**, born 14 March 1730.

+401 v. **Josiah**, born 2 February 1732/3.

vi. **Judah**, born 28 January 1734/5, died in Halifax, Nova Scotia, unmarried; not mentioned in his father's will.
+402 vii. **Sarah**, born 17 August 1737.
+403 viii. **John**, born 25 August 1739, bapt. 26 August 1739.
+404 ix. **William**, born 30 March 1743, bapt. 3 April 1743.

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73. **Ann Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 7 May 1697,[1] the daughter of John and Lydia (Gorham) Thacher. Ann died in Tolland, Conn., 13 March 1756.[2]

Ann Thacher married in Yarmouth 31 May 1722 **John Lothrop**,[3] who was born in Falmouth, Mass., 3 October 1699,[4] the son of Hope and Elizabeth (Lothrop) Lothrop. John Lothrop died in Tolland, Conn., 17 October 1752.[5]

Ann was one of the unnamed "youngest daughters" mentioned by her father, Col. John Thacher, in his will dated 25 April 1713, probated 19 June 1713.[6]

John Lothrop and his family moved to Tolland in 1726. He served as a selectman, Justice of the Peace and Deputy to the Connecticut Assembly.[7]

In his will dated 2 October 1752, proved 11 November 1752, John Lothrop of Tolland gave his wife Ann the improvement of one-third of his land and buildings and one-third of the movables forever. The remainder of the movables were divided equally among their four daughters, Hannah Fellows, Ann Lothrop, Lydia Lothrop and Elizabeth Lothrop. After his mother's death, their son Jonathan Lothrop was to have all of the buildings after paying his brothers, John and Thacher Lothrop, £200 each. Husbandry utensils were divided equally between sons David and Jonathan. Jonathan was appointed as sole executor. The witnesses were Samuel Cobb, William Case and John Eaton.[8]

Children (**Lothrop**), first child born in Yarmouth, Mass., others born in Tolland, Conn.:[9]

+405 i. **David**[5], born 18 October 1723.
+406 ii. **Hannah**, born 5 July 1725.
+407 iii. **Jonathan**, born 18 September 1727.
+408 iv. **Anna**, born 10 March 1730.

+409 v. **John**, born 6 May 1732.
+410 vi. **Thacher**, born 20 January 1733/4.
+411 vii. **Lydia**, born 21 June 1736.
+412 viii. **Elizabeth**, born 22 April 1740.

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74. **Joseph Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 11 July 1699,[1] the son of John and Lydia (Gorham) Thacher. Joseph died in Yarmouth 17 June 1763, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery there.[2]

Joseph Thacher married in Yarmouth 29 February 1727/8 (intentions 27 January 1727/8), his cousin, **Ruth Hawes**[5],[3] who was born in Chatham, Mass., 3 February 1708/9,[4] the daughter of Ebenezer Hawes[4] (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Sarah Norton. [See #115, page 186.] Ruth died in Yarmouth 3 May 1772, in her 63rd year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery.[5]

Joseph Thacher was a colonel in the Barnstable County militia. He served as a Major in Gorham's Regiment in the Louisbourg Expedition to Cape Breton.[6] He was a blacksmith, a representative to the General Court and a Selectman.[7]

On 21 January 1733 Joseph Thacher and his wife, Ruth, called "daughter of Capt. Ebenezer Hawes," received their full portion of her father's estate.[8] In his will dated 4 November 1762, probated 7 July 1763, Joseph Thacher, Esq., bequeathed all of his estate, both real and personal, to his dearly beloved wife, Ruth. He gave his son Joseph, his gun and sword, as well as £10 to be paid to him by his mother when he became 21. He also gave 20 shillings to his daughter Desire Rawson, and £23 to his daughter Ruth, "now Ruth Webb," in addition to what they had already received. Joseph named his wife Ruth as executrix. Witnesses were Seth Whelden, Simeon Taylor and Joseph Staple.[9]

On 12 January 1769, David Thacher, Esq., of Yarmouth, was appointed guardian of widow Ruth Thacher of Yarmouth, non compos mentis, whose estate was valued at £588-12-8. Ruth Thacher died 3 May 1772, and on 19 May 1772, David Thacher was named administrator. The estate was divided between Joseph Thacher of Yarmouth, "yeoman and only son," daughter Desire Rawson, wife of the Rev. Grindall Rawson, and Ruth Wheeldin, "the other daughter," wife of Seth Wheeldin, Jr.[10]

Children (**Thacher**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[11]

i. **Desire**[5-6], born 7 April 1729, died 28 April 1729, aged 21 days.
+413 ii. **Desire**, born 5 July 1730.
iii. **Ruth**, born 30 July 1732, died aged 44 days.
iv. **Ebenezer**, born 17 February 1733/4, died before 4 November 1762, not mentioned in his father's will.
+414 v. **Ruth**, born 11 September 1736.
vi. **Joseph**, born 8 March 1740/1, bapt. 15 March 1740/1, died 16 April 1741.
+415 vii. **Joseph**, born 19 May 1744, bapt. 27 May 1744.

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75. **Benjamin Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 25 July 1702,[1] the son of Col. John and Lydia (Thacher) Gorham. He died in Harwich, Mass., in 1768.[2]

Benjamin Thacher married in Barnstable, Mass., 30 January 1734/5 (intentions 14 July 1734) **Hannah Lumbart**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 8 September 1714,[4] the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Treddeway) Lumbart. Hannah died in Harwich after 12 October 1768, the date she swore to the truth of the inventory of her husband's estate.[5]

Benjamin Thacher was a mariner, sea captain and innkeeper. He and his family lived in Yarmouth and Harwich, in the part that became Brewster, Mass. He was elected constable of Harwich in 1744.[6]

Hannah's father, Benjamin Lumbart of Barnstable, in his will dated 3 June 1749, probated 6 February 1753, mentioned his second wife, Sarah, his daughter, Hannah Thacher, his grandson Benjamin Thacher, and his "loving son-in-law Benjamin Thacher" who was named executor.[7]

In his will dated 16 April 1767, proved 9 August 1768, Benjamin Thacher of Harwich appointed his wife, Hannah, as executrix, and mentioned his three sons, Jonathan, Samuel and Benjamin, his unmarried daughters, Hannah, Jane and Temperance Thacher, and his married daughters, Sarah Foster and Lydia Foster. Jonathan and Samuel were to share the real estate in equal halves after his wife's death. All three sons were given his pew in the church, in equal shares, with his unmarried

daughters having the right to sit in it as long as they remained unmarried. Daughter Sarah Foster was given five shillings which, with what she had already received, was her full share. The four other daughters, Hannah, Lydia Foster, Jane and Temperance were to share all of his personal estate after their mother's death. Witnesses were Chillingsworth Foster, Benjamin Freeman and William Fessenden. The inventory, taken at Harwich, 15 September 1768, by Chillingsworth Foster, Benjamin Freeman and Isaac Foster, included real estate valued at £296-18-8.[8]

Children (**Thacher**), first child born and baptized in Yarmouth, Mass., the rest born and baptized in Harwich, Mass.:[9]

+416 i. **Benjamin**[5], born 11 February 1737/8, bapt. 12 February 1737/8.
ii. **Hannah**, bapt. 25 November 1739, died 8 April 1813, unmarried.
+417 iii. **Sarah**, born 1 December 1741, bapt. 6 December 1741.
iv. **Lydia**, born 9 May 1743, bapt. 15 May 1743, died 30 July 1743, aged 3 months.
+418 v. **Lydia**, born 10 September 1744, bapt. 16 September 1744.
vi. **Jonathan**, born 18 April 1746, bapt. 27 April 1746, died 21 June 1746, aged 2 months 7 days.
+419 vii. **Jane**, born 30 July 1747, bapt. 2 August 1747.
viii. **Jonathan**, born 22 January 1748, bapt. 29 January 1748/9; alive in 1767 when his father made his will; no further record found.
ix. **Temperance**, born 9 April 1750, bapt. 15 April 1750, died 5 May 1750, aged 3 years, 3 weeks, 3 days.
+420 x. **Samuel**, born 17 January 1752, bapt. 26 January 1752.
+421 xi. **Temperance**, born 27 July 1754, bapt. 28 July 1754.

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76. **Mercy Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 7 February 1702/3,[1] the daughter of Col. John and Lydia (Gorham) Thacher. Mercy died probably in Saybrook, Conn., after 1772, the last entry in her diary.[2]

"Mis" Mercy Thacher married as his second wife, in Yarmouth (intentions) 15 January 1737 "**Mr. James Harris** of Seabrook, Connecticut,"[3] who was born in Mohegan, New London Co., Conn., 26 January 1699,[4] the son of James and Sarah (Rogers) Harris. James died probably in Saybrook after 1764.[5] James Harris married first, Ann Gilbert, who died childless.[6]

James Harris was a wealthy merchant with a large import trade with France and the West Indies. He lived in Saybrook, Boston, Mohegan and Colchester. In 1736 he was admitted to the Saybrook church, and in 1741, his wife, Mercy, was admitted by letter from Yarmouth. In 1744 they were living in the North Parish (Mohegan) of New London. Their only child, Ann Mercy, was vaccinated for smallpox before leaving for two years in Europe, but died from the inoculation.[7]

No probate records have been found for James and Mary Harris.

Child (**Harris**), born in Saybrook, Conn.:[8]

i. **Ann Mercy**[5], born 14 June 1746, died in May 1764, unmarried.

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77. **Thomas Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 2 April 1705,[1] the son of Col. John and Lydia (Gorham) Thacher. Thomas died in or near Annapolis, Nova Scotia, 20 December 1746, while on the Louisbourg expedition during King George's War, popularly called the earlier French and Indian Wars.[2]

Thomas Thacher married in Yarmouth 11 February 1730/1 **Thankful Baxter**[5-5],[3] who was born in Yarmouth 29 January 1711/2,[4] the daughter of Shubael Baxter[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Elizabeth (Gorham[4]) Downs (*Jabez Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Thankful died in Barnstable, Mass., 9 April 1786, as the widow of her third husband, Deac. John Hinckley, but typed records of the East Church of Barnstable called her "Mrs. Lemuel (*sic*) Lombard," even though they gave her correct date of death.[5] [For her ancestry see #194, page 64, and #55, pages 103-5.]

Thomas Thacher's widow, Thankful, was called "Mrs. Thankful Thacher of Yarmouth," when she married second, as his second wife, in Yarmouth 28 January 1747/8 (intentions Barnstable and Yarmouth 9 January 1747/8) Capt. **Samuel Lumbert**,[6] who was born in Barnstable 15 September 1691,[7] the son of Benjamin Lumbert and his second wife, Sarah Walker. Samuel died in Barnstable 12 November 1759, aged 68 years.[8] Samuel had seven

children by his first wife, Anna Baker, named Sarah, John, Joseph, Anna, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Mary Lumbert,[9] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Samuel had no children by Thankful.

Thankful was called "Thankful Lumbert, Jr.," in Barnstable records when she married third, as his second wife, in Barnstable 19 February 1761 (intentions 31 January 1761) **John Hinckley**, Jr.,[10] who was born in Barnstable 17 February 1701,[11] the son of John and Thankful (Trott) Hinckley. John Hinckley died in Barnstable 11 April 1765, aged 64 years.[12] John's first wife was Bethiah Robinson by whom he had Thankful, Bethiah, John, (died young), Martha, Adino, Hodiah, Jabez, Abiah and John Hinckley, all named in their father's will,[13] none of them descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Thomas Thacher was a mariner. He died intestate in Nova Scotia while serving with colonial American forces during King George's War with the French and Indians. His widow, Thankful, was named administratrix of his estate 24 March 1746/7. The inventory was taken by Jonathan Hallett, John Miller and Peter Thacher, all of Yarmouth.[14]

Thomas Thacher's widow's second husband, Capt. Samuel Lumbert/ Lombard of Barnstable, was called "Gentleman," in his will dated 27 October 1759, in which he gave his wife, Thankful, all of the household goods she brought with her at their marriage. Samuel mentioned his children by his previous marriage, daughter Anne Davis, son Benjamin Lombard and the children of his deceased daughters, Sarah Manning and Elizabeth Crocker. Widow Thankful was named sole executrix. Witnesses were Edmund Hawes, Barnabas Howes and Otis Loring.[15]

Thankful's third husband, John Hinckley, Jr., was a deacon in the Barnstable East Precinct Church and served as a captain in the Barnstable militia in 1757. He was a carpenter and built many of the houses and churches in Barnstable and in neighboring towns.[16] He made his will in 1764 in which he gave his wife, Thankful Hinckley, all of the indoor moveables she brought with her at their marriage.[17] Proof for this marriage was found in the probate records of Samuel Lumbert, Thankful's second husband, in which Edward Thomas of Brides Major, in Glamorgan, Wales, acknowledged receipt of £106-13-4 paid by John Hinckley and Thankful, his wife, "as she the said Thankful is Executrix to the last will and testament of Samuel Lumbert, Jr., deceased, . . . in full of what was due the heirs of Robert Thomas, late of South Wales in Great Brittain (*sic*), mariner, who died at Barnstable . . . in 1742." This acknowledgement was dated 26 November 1764 and witnessed by David Gorham and Cornelius Crocker.[18]

On 21 and 25 July 1775, widow Thankful Hinkley [sic], now called "of Falmouth," was named guardian of her two grandchildren, Mathy/Martha and Thomas Palmer, Thomas Thacher's grandchildren by their deceased

daughter, Elizabeth Thacher, who had married Thomas Palmer of Falmouth, who was now also deceased.[19]

Thomas Thacher's widow did not have any children by her second and third husbands.

Children (**Thacher**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[20]

i. **Lydia**[5-6-6], born 31 August 1736, died 10 September 1736.
ii. **Thomas**, born 13 August 1740; no further record.
+422 iii. **Elizabeth**, born 28 March 1741/2.
+423 iv. **Thankful**, born 8 November 1744.

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13. The Children of Hannah Gorham[3]

78. **Hannah Whilldin**[4] (*Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was probably born in Yarmouth, Mass., about 1683,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Gorham) Whilldin. She died in Cape May, N.J., in 1728.[2]

Hannah Whilldin, "in her eighteen years" (*sic*), married first, in Cape May 18 June 1701 **Thomas Leaming**[3] who was born in Southampton, Long Island, N.Y., 9 July 1674,[4] the son of Christopher and Esther (Burnett) Leaming. Thomas Leaming died in Cape May 31 December 1723, aged 49 years 5 months 22 days.[5]

Hannah married second, in Cape May in September 1724, as his second wife, **Philip Syng** of Philadelphia, Pa.,[6] who was born in Ireland in 1676[7] and died in Annapolis, Maryland, 18 May 1739.[8] In 1732, Philip Syng married, as his third wife, Susannah Price.[9]

Hannah Whilldin's first husband, Thomas Leaming, came from Sag Harbor, Long Island, with his parents in 1691. He was a whaler and a Quaker, as shown by an entry in his diary in 1706, which states, "Samuel Matthews took a horse worth Seven pounds because I could not train."[10]

Thomas Leaming's nephew, Aaron Leaming, recorded a great deal of information about this family in "The Diary of Aaron Leaming, the Second, of Cape May, N.J.," dated 18 January 1757, which contains much of the diary of his father, Aaron Leaming, the First, which has since been lost, and also the diary of the Thomas Leaming who married Hannah Whilldin. It states that Thomas Leaming "moved to Cape May & Married Hannah the daughter of Joseph Whilldin, Esq., the Elder, by her had Esther, Marcy, Jane, Phebe, Priscilla, Christopher & Thomas who all survived him. And December 31 1723 he died. His widow married Philip Syng of Philadelphia and died herself at Cape May in 1728. Thomas Leamings children married as follows: Esther married William Eldredge; Mercy, Samuel Eldredge; Jane, William Doubleday; Phebe, John Garlick; Priscilla, John Stites; and after his Death Jacob Hughs; Christopher, Deborah Hand; and Thomas, Elizabeth Leaming. They were none of them childless and some of them have proved very prolific."[11]

In his will dated 7 February 1721/2, proved 23 July 1724, Thomas Leamyng (*sic*) mentioned his wife, Hannah, eldest son, Christopher who was under 14 years of age, daughters Jane, Esther, Mercy, Phebe and Prissillah, and son Thomas. He gave his wife two negroes, Dick and Peg,

until his son Christopher reached the age of twenty years. He gave the future offspring of Peg to his children as follows: the first to daughter Jane, the second to daughter Esther, the third to daughter Mercy, the fourth to daughter Phebe, the fifth to daughter Prissilah (*sic*), and the sixth to son Thomas. Witnesses were Andrew Godfrey, Daniel Mackey and Hannah Leonard. A codicil dated 7 March 1722/3, was witnessed by William Doubleday, Henry Paine and Daniel Mackey. Executors were his wife, Hannah, and brother Aaron Leamyng. The inventory was taken by Richard Townsend and William Seagrave. His personal estate amounted to £477-18-1.[12]

Children (**Leaming**), born in Cape May, N.J., all by Hannah's first husband, all mentioned in his probate records:[13]

+424 i. **Esther**[5], born 3 July 1702.
+425 ii. **Mercy**, born 10 September 1704.
+426 iii. **Jane**, born 15 October 1706.
iv. **Phebe**, born 4 November 1708, "a sickly child", married **John Garlick**, who was bapt. 7 April 1704, son of Joshua and Abigail Garlick; no known children.[14]
+427 v. **Priscilla**, born 15 September 1710.
+428 vi. **Christopher**, born 18 April 1712.
+429 vii. **Thomas**, born 31 March 1718, [old style].

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79. **Joseph Whilldin**[4] (*Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., about 1690,[1] the son of Joseph and Hannah (Gorham) Whilldin. He died in Cape May, N.J., 18 March 1748, aged 58 years,[2] and was buried in the Cold Spring Presbyterian Churchyard in Cape May.

Joseph Whilldin married first, in Cape May, probably about 1711 **Mary Wilmon**,[3] who was born 9 December 1689,[4] the daughter of Isaac and Mary (Wines) Wilmon. Mary died in Cape May 8 April 1743, aged 54 years,[5] and was buried in the Cold Spring Presbyterian Churchyard.

Joseph Whilldin married second, after 8 April 1743, **Abigail**,[6] whose identity has not been ascertained.

On 19 May 1711, Joseph Whilldin/Whillden recorded his Ear Mark, which later belonged to his son, James Whillden.[7] In 1711, and again on 24 October 1718, Joseph Whilldin's father, Joseph [Sr.], conveyed to him part of a tract of land and marsh in the Lower Precinct of Cape May, which he had bought 2 April 1695 from Jeremiah Bass, agent for the West Jersey Society. Joseph [Jr.], willed this land to his son, James Whilldin [Sr.], whose son, James [Jr.], recorded these facts when he sold the land to Abner Corson, Sr., of Cape May, 15 August 1789. James's wife, Rhoda, signed for her dower rights.[8]

Joseph Whilldin was a farmer, as shown by the farm tools listed in the inventory of his estate. In his will dated 16 March 1747, proved in Cape May, 30 May 1748, Joseph Whilden (*sic*), yeoman, named his second wife Abigail, and gave his son Matthew, the land and marsh he had purchased from Isaac Whildin, in addition to his interest in Five Mile Beach, and 20 acres of Cedar Swamp. Son James was given "the plantation whereon I live," and 20 acres of Cedar Swamp. Son David was given 10 acres of Cedar Swamp, "also the price of my negro man Asse, and a negro woman, upon condition that he pay £5 to each of my daughters, viz., Hannah, Rachel and Loes, and £2-10s to my deceased daughter Mary's children, Ellis and Judith." Joseph Whilldin mentioned his grandsons, Memukin Hughes, and Wilmon and Issecar Crafford (*sic*). James Whillden and Richard Crafford were named "sole executors." Witnesses were William Mulford, Charity Mulford and Elijah Hughes. The inventory, dated 26 April 1748, was appraised by Thomas Hand and Elisha Hand. The total value of the estate was £352-13-2. On 19 May 1748, James Whilldin and James Crawford, executors, distributed the proceeds of the estate to the widow, Abigail Whildin, and to David Whildin, to Matthew Whildin, to Loes Whildin, to Ellis Hughes, "in full of his wife's legacy," to Richard Crawford, "in full of his wife's legacy," and "moneys to Uriah Hughes 2 children—£5-0-0," and to other creditors.[9]

Children (**Whilldin**), born in Cape May, N.J., all named in father's will:[10]

i. **Matthew**[5], born about 1712, died intestate about 1751;[11] called "first son"; named in father's will, dated 16 March 1747, but not named in brother David Whilldin's will, dated 13 February 1762, nor were a wife or children mentioned by David, as were his other nieces and nephews.

+430 ii. **James**, born about 1714.

+431 iii. **Hannah**, born about 1719.

+432 iv. **Mary**, born about 1723.

v. **David**, born about 1725, died unmarried, 17 March 1762 and was buried in the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery.[12] In his will dated Cape May 13 February 1762, proved

13 May 1762, David ordered that gravestones be bought for the graves of his mother, Mary Whilldin, and his sister, Loes Mills, both deceased, and for himself. He mentioned his brother, James; his sister Hannah Eldredge; his sister Rachel Mills; Ellis, Judith and Mary (*sic*) Hughes, the legal representatives of his sister, Mary Hughes, deceased; and Matthew and Seth Whilldin, the sons of his brother James. The executors were James Whilldin and Ezekiel Eldredge. Witnesses were William Flower, John Hughes, Mary Edwards and Jacob Spicer. Distribution of the moveable estate was made in four parts to James Whilldin, to Hannah Eldredge, to Rachel Mills, and to the heirs of Mary Hughes. His brother Matthew was not mentioned, confirming that he had died, leaving no issue.[13]

+433 vi. **Rachel**, born about 1727.

vii. **Loes/Lois**, born about 1730, died 20 May 1756; buried in Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Cape May; married first, **Matthew Crowell**, who died intestate before 18 October 1751. His inventory, taken by Elisha Hand and Ebenezer Johnson, totaled £68-15-10. Loes was named as administratrix, with James Godfrey as fellow-bondsman.[14] Loes married second, before 13 February 1762, **Yeates (?) Mills**. She was named as Loes Mills, deceased, in her brother David's will, with no heirs mentioned.[15]

Note #1: H. Clifford Campion, in his Eldredge File, #221, deposited at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, stated that Ezekiel Eldredge, 3rd, grandson of Capt. Ezekiel Eldredge and a brother of the William Eldredge who married Esther Leaming, and also a brother of the Samuel Eldredge who married Mercy Leaming, "married by license 14 April 1741 Sarah Whildin, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wilmon) Whilldin and widow of _____ Crawford." Public records show Ezekiel Eldredge, in his will dated 18 May 1774, named his wife, Sarah, and nine children, born between 1742 and 1755. However, Sarah was not named as a daughter in the will of her supposed father, Joseph Whilldin, 16 March 1747/8, nor in the will of her supposed brother, David Whilldin, in 1762, who identified all of his brothers and sisters and their heirs in his will. Neither is Sarah Whilldin listed in this family by Howe. The marriage of Ezekiel Eldredge to Sarah Crafford on 14 April 1741 was recorded in William Nelson's *New Jersey Marriage Bonds, 1885-1800*, p. 97, but there is no marriage recorded there for a Sarah Whilldin to a Crawford. Therefore, Campion's undocumented mention of another daughter in this

family, named Sarah Whilldin, cannot be accepted unless satisfactory proof from public records can be found.

Note #2: Joseph Whilldin, in his will dated 16 March 1747/8, stated very clearly that, among his bequests, he gave £2-10s "to my deceased daughter Mary's children, Ellis and Judith." Distribution to his heirs was made 19 May 1748, including "moneys paid to Uriah Hughes 2 Children—£5-0-0." This proves that Joseph's daughter, Mary Whilldin, the deceased wife of Uriah Hughes, had only two children, Ellis and Judith Hughes, before she died. However, a problem has arisen because Joseph's unmarried son, David Whilldin, in his will dated 13 February 1762, mentioned "Ellis, Judith and Mary (*sic*) Hughes, legal representatives of sister Mary Hughes, deceased." This must be an error on the part of the court clerk who mistakenly added the mother's name to that of her two children. It is impossible for Mary (Whilldin) Hughes to have had a third child after her father made bequests to her *two* children and stated in March 1747/8 that she was already dead.

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Dennie and Desire (Lovell) Chapman of Fairfield, Conn.

John[1] Howland
1592~1672/3

Plymouth
m. 1623

Elizabeth Tilley
1607~1687

John Gorham
1620/1~1675/6

Plymouth
m. 1643

Desire[2] Howland
1625~1683

Shubael Gorham[3]
1667~1750

Nantucket
m. 1695

Puella Hussey
1677~1748

James Lovell
1692~1761

Barnstable
m. 1716

Abigail Gorham[4]
1699~1778

Dennie Chapman
1730~1793

Fairfield, Conn.
m. 1750

Desire Lovell[5]
1726~1810

Children (Chapman), b. Fairfield, Conn.

i. Elizabeth[6], b. 1751.

ii. Mary, bapt. 1753.

iii. Lovel, b. 1755.

iv. Dennie, b. 1756.

v. Abigail, b. 1758.

vi. Eunice, b. 1760.

vii. Daniel, b. 1762.

viii. James, bapt. 1767.

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14. The Children of Shubael Gorham[3]

80. **George Gorham**[4] (*Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 29 January 1696/7,[1] the son of Shubael and Puella (Hussey) Gorham. He died in Stamford, Conn., between 28 March and 5 May 1772.[2]

George Gorham was married in New Rochelle, New York, by Mr. Stupa, a Church of England minister, 20 July 1726 to **Hannah Banks**,[3] who was born in Greenwich, Conn., 27 October 1704,[4] the daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Purdy) Banks. Hannah died probably in Stamford, after 17 December 1789, the date when property owned by her Loyalist son, Jonathan Gorham, was confiscated by the State of Connecticut.[5]

George Gorham was a merchant and sea captain. On 30 October 1722, before he left Barnstable, his parents, Shubael Gorham, yeoman, and Puella, his wife, deeded to George half of their farm, including the buildings, garden and orchards in Barnstable.[6] In 1727 George was licensed to sail from New London, Conn., to the Barbados in his sloop *Hannah*.[7] For a few years he lived in Greenwich, Conn., and then, about 1728, moved to Rye, N.Y.

On 17 February 1729, George Gorham and his wife, Hannah, eldest daughter of Joseph Banks of Greenwich, deceased, signed an agreement with her mother who had remarried and was now Hannah Lyon, in which her father's estate was divided, one-third to her mother and two-thirds to Hannah Gorham and her two younger sisters, Abigail and Mary Banks.[8]

Before 1742, George and Hannah moved to the Darien section of Stamford, Conn., later settling near the mouth of Goodwives River. George bought and sold many pieces of property wherever he lived. As a merchant and shipowner, he sailed between New London, Conn., Boston, Mass., London, England, and the West Indies for many years. He was a town official in Stamford and Darien, beginning in 1742, and owned several grist mills.[9]

On 1 September 1747 George Gorham was named administrator of the estate of his cousin, Sylvanus Gorham, late of Stamford, son of James Gorham of Barnstable. George Gorham and Peter Demille, both of Stamford, gave their bond. The inventory was presented 1 March 1747/8 and the estate, amounting to £1087-19-7, was ordered divided among

Sylvanus Gorham's nieces and nephews.[10] [See the children of James Gorham[3], page 21.]

George's father, Shubael Gorham of Barnstable, in his will dated 23 September 1748, bequeathed all of his real estate "whatsoever and wheresoever" but mostly located in Barnstable County, to George as his only surviving son.[11] Eight years earlier, George's brother, Daniel Gorham, "of Barnstable in New England, mariner," in his will dated 24 January 1740, gave George one-eleventh part of his estate.[12]

On 12 November 1771, Capt. George Gorham was granted letters of administration on the intestate estate of his deceased son, Shubael, since Shubael's widow, Mary, had renounced "her right of taking the administration under her hand."[13]

George Gorham, in his own will dated 28 March 1772, proved 5 May 1772, gave his wife, Hannah, during her widowhood, one-third of his moveable estate, the use of the east half of his dwelling house, the clear profits of his half of the mills, and the use of one-third part of the land that remained after his debts were paid. He gave his son Shubael's widow, Mary, and their children named Shubael, Nathaniel, John, Samuel, Anthony, George, Mary, Hannah and Deborah Gorham, the dwelling house with the lot of land where they lived, during his daughter-in-law's widowhood. After her death or remarriage, the property was to be divided among the children, the boys to have double the amount given to the girls. In addition, each grandchild was to have £20 in New York money, to be paid within ten years after his decease. George gave his surviving sons, Jonathan, George and Joseph, his half of the mills, in equal shares, reserving the income to his wife during her widowhood. His son Daniel was given half of the dwelling house and half of what remained after all debts were paid, excepting the income from one-third of the property, which was to go to their mother. His son Joseph, in addition to what he had already received, was given an equal half with Daniel of the land that remained after George's debts were paid, Joseph's half to include the orchard and meadow by the road, and also one-half of the dwelling house after his mother's decease. Daniel and Joseph were to pay £10 each in New York money to their sisters who were named as Hannah, wife of Thomas Smith, Puella, wife of Gershom Selleck, Abigail, wife of Josiah Scofield, Phebe, wife of Samuel Seward, and Sarah, wife of Stephen Hanford. Daniel and Joseph, who were named co-executors, were also given all of their father's property in Boston and in the New Hampshire Governments, whether real or personal, divided between them. Witnesses were Simeon Selleck, Samuel Pelton and Tyler Dibble.[14]

The inventory of George Gorham's estate, taken 11 May 1772 by Charles Webb and Samuel Bishop, totaled £737, and included real estate, grist mills and bolting mills. On 15 July 1772 the executors, Daniel and

Joseph Gorham, presented the inventory to the court which was accepted and recorded.[15]

On 7 April 1783, the government of Connecticut deeded to Daniel Gorham eleven acres of property that had formerly belonged to his Loyalist brother, Joseph Gorham, which was adjudged to be forfeit, and which had been confiscated by the State of Connecticut, "said land being encumbered with his mother's right of dower." Joseph Gorham had fled to Nova Scotia when the Revolutionary War ended in victory for the Patriots. On 17 December 1789, their brother Jonathan Gorham's right to a sixth part in the mill was adjudged forfeit, subject to his mother's right of dower, because he, too, had fled to Nova Scotia at the end of the Revolutionary War.[16] This indicates that George's widow, Hannah Gorham, died after 17 December 1789.

Children (**Gorham**), first born in Greenwich, Conn., next seven born in Rye, N.Y., last five born in Stamford, Conn.:[17]

+434 i. **Shubael**[5], born 11 April 1727.
+435 ii. **Hannah**, born 19 February 1728/9.
+436 iii. **Puella**, born 16 November 1730.
+437 iv. **Abigail**, born 6 February 1731/2.
v. **Mary**, born 17 October 1733; not mentioned in father's will.
+438 vi. **Phebe**, born 26 May 1735.
+439 vii. **Daniel**, born 17 May 1737.
viii. **Annie**, born 8 May 1738; not mentioned in father's will.
+440 ix. **Jonathan**, born 25 January 1740.
+441 x. **Sarah**, born 4 August 1742.
+442 xi. **George**, born 4 September 1744.
+443 xii. **Joseph**, born 5 February 1746.
xiii. **Deborah**, born 23 May 1748, bapt. St. John's Church, 30 October 1748; not mentioned in father's will.

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81. **Abigail Gorham**[4] (*Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., the latter end of March 1699, also recorded on the Island of Nantucket 31st 3 mo. 1699 (*sic*),[1] the daughter of Shubael and

Puella (Hussey) Gorham. Abigail died in Hyannis, Mass., 28 June 1778, aged 79 years, which was also recorded on Nantucket, 28th 6 mo. 1778.[2]

Abigail Gorham married in Barnstable 25 October 1716 **James Lovell**, Jr.,[3] who was "born in August 1692," and baptized in Barnstable 18 September 1692,[4] the son of James and Mary (Lumbert) Lovell. James Lovell, [Jr.], died in Barnstable 25 May 1761 (25 5 mo. 1761) and was buried in the South St. Cemetery, Hyannis, where the date on his gravestone reads "8 May 1761, in his 69th year."[5] It is possible that the date originally was 28 May, but has become worn.

Abigail's brother, Daniel Gorham, in his will dated 24 December 1740, called her his "eldest sister Abigail" and left her one-eleventh part of his estate.[6] Her father, Shubael Gorham, in his will dated 23 September 1748, named her as one of his seven beloved daughters.[7] Almost a year later, on 8 July 1749, Abigail's husband, James Lovell, Jr., of Barnstable, gentleman, was appointed guardian of his father-in-law, Shubael Gorham, yeoman, who had been adjudged by the Inquisition of Selectmen of Barnstable to be non compos mentis. James Lovell was to care for Shubael's person as well as his estate, real and personal.[8]

Abigail's husband, James Lovell, gentleman, in his will dated 2 May 1755, proved 1 June 1761, mentioned his three sons, Daniel, James and Shubael Lovell, his wife, Abigail, and his daughters, Ruth Clerk [Clark], Abigail Gorham, Desire Chapman, Susannah Lovell, Deborah Gorham, Lydia Lovell, Puella Lovell and Anna Lovell. Witnesses were Ebenezer Claghorn, Lemuel Lumbard and Lemuel Bacon. In a codicil dated February 1760, he gave 40 shillings to the children of his daughter, Abigail, "now deceased." Witnesses of the codicil were David Gorham, William Taylor and Thomas Gorham.[9]

Abigail was the mother of all of James Lovell's children, as proven by the fact that she was living when her brother, Daniel Gorham, mentioned her in his will in 1740, and she was still alive when her father, Shubael Gorham, mentioned her in his will in 1748. The penciled note in Barnstable town records, in which "2nd wife" was added in a later hand in front of the birth date of daughter Desire in 1726, is clearly in error.

Children (**Lovell**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

+444 i. **Ruth**[5], born 20 March 1718.
+445 ii. **Abigail**, born 14 October 1719.
+446 iii. **Daniel**, born 20 June 1722.
+447 iv. **Desire**, born 9 May 1726.
+448 v. **Susannah**, born 18 July 1728.
+449 vi. **Deborah**, born 13 November 1730.
+450 vii. **James**, born 22 April 1732.
+451 viii. **Lydia**, born 19 May 1735.

+452 ix. **Puella**, born 12 July 1738.
+453 x. **Shubael**, born 16 October 1740.
+454 xi. **Anna**, born 9 July 1743.

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82. **Lydia Gorham**[4] (*Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 14 May 1701,[1] the daughter of Shubael and Puella (Hussey) Gorham. She died on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 1 March 1763 (1st 3 mo. 1763).[2]

Lydia Gorham married on Nantucket 8 September 1720 **Joseph Worth,**[3] who was born on Nantucket in 1696,[4] the son of John and Miriam (Gardner) Worth. Joseph Worth died on Nantucket 14 July 1790 (14th 7 mo. 1790), at 94 years of age.[5]

Lydia's brother, Daniel Gorham, in his will dated 24 January 1740, proved in Barnstable County, in January 1746, named Lydia as his "second sister," and gave her two-elevenths of his estate.[6] Lydia's father, Shubael Gorham of Barnstable, in his will dated 23 September 1748, probated 7 August 1750, listed Lydia as one of his "seven beloved daughters."[7]

Joseph Worth was called "of Sherborn, housewright," when he sold to his son, Silvanus Worth of Sherborn, weaver, for £60, the dwelling house in Sherborn in which Silvanus lived, with a piece of land "on which the house stood." Joseph Worth acknowledged his signature, 10 February 1759, but the deed was not recorded until 31 July 1763, after Lydia's death. Therefore her signature relinquishing her dower rights was not included with the document.[8]

No probate records for Joseph or Lydia Worth have been found.

Children (**Worth**), born in Sherborn, Nantucket, Mass.:[9]
+455 i. **Abigail**[5], born 23d 5 mo. 1721 (twin).
+456 ii. **Anna**, born 23d 5 mo. 1721 (twin).
+457 iii. **Nathaniel**, born 4th 7 mo. 1723.
+458 iv. **Reuben**, born 13th 7 mo. 1725.
+459 v. **Silvanus**, born 27th 6 mo. 1727.
+460 vi. **Joseph**, born 29th 9 mo. 1729.
+461 vii. **Lydia**, born 12th 12 mo. 1731.

+462 viii. **Miriam**, born 22d 4 mo. 1734.
+463 ix. **Thomas**, born 1st 11 mo. 1736.
+464 x. **Daniel**, born 10th 12 mo. 1739.
+465 xi. **William**, born 4th 1 mo. 1741.
+466 xii. **Shubael**, born 6th 5 mo. 1745.

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83. **Hannah Gorham**[4] (*Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 28 July 1703,[1] the daughter of Shubael and Puella (Hussey) Gorham. Hannah died on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 16 August 1751.[2]

Hannah Gorham married first, on Nantucket 24 October 1726 **William Manning**,[3] who was born about 1700,[4] the son of Dennis and Catherine (Innes) Manning. William Manning died in Sherborn, on Nantucket, 20 May 1730.[5]

Hannah married second, on Nantucket 21 December 1732, as his second wife, **William Stubbs**,[6] who was born in Hull, Mass., 30 March 1694,[7] the son of Richard and Rebecca (Lobdell) Stubbs. William Stubbs had married first, on Nantucket 31 March 1717, Dinah Manning,[8] the daughter of Dennis and Catherine (Innes) Manning, by whom he had one surviving son, Benjamin Stubbs, born about 1720, who was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. William's first wife was the sister of Hannah's first husband, William Manning. William Stubbs died in Boston before 3 June 1786, the date the inventory of his intestate estate was filed there.[9]

Hannah Gorham's first husband, William Manning, died intestate. On 12 February 1730/1, Hannah Manning, widow and relict of William Manning, late of Sherborn, deceased, was appointed administratrix of her husband's estate by George Bunker, J.P. She was directed to "exhibit [an inventory] before 12 July 1731, and to render an accounting before 12 September 1731." The appraisers were John Macy, Richard Macy and Richard Worth. The inventory, dated 27 August 1731, had a value of £388-0-0, with debts amounting to £42-13-1. On 17 September 1731,

Hannah Manning was appointed as guardian of her two minor children, David and Phebe Manning. In the division of her first husband's estate, Hannah Manning, widow, was given "one-third forever which is £43-1-8." In the final settlement, dated the same day, "Hannah, Relict of the sd deceased, now Hannah Stubbs," was given one-third of the dwelling house during her natural life, and David Manning, her son, was given two-thirds, "and at the decease of the said Hannah, her part shall be divided between David and Phebe, 3 October 1746, [the date both children would have been of legal age], and David Manning the son shall have two thirds of the residue which is £57-8-10, and Phebe the daughter shall have the remaining part which is £28-14-5."[10]

Hannah was mentioned by her brother, Daniel Gorham, in his will dated 24 January 1740, proved in January 1746, in which he gave Hannah one-eleventh of his estate.[11] She was also mentioned by her father, Shubael Gorham, in his will dated 23 September 1748, proved 7 August 1750, as one of his seven beloved daughters.[12]

On 20 January 1751, Hannah's son, David Manning, signed a promissory note for £26 2/3 (*sic*), payable to his brother-in-law and sister, Matthew and Phebe Mayhew, for all claims on the estate of their father, William Manning, "divided to us by our Father-in-law [step-father] William Stubbs, in the lifetime of our mother, Hannah Stubbs, and all one-third part of that small tract of land about the dwelling-house of our sd Father Manning." The note was recorded 27 February 1758, three years after David Manning was lost at sea in 1755.[13]

Hannah's second husband, William Stubbs, was a mariner and a carpenter. He left Nantucket and returned to Hull, sometime after Hannah's death in 1751, and before 3 February 1758, the date he witnessed a deed in Hull.[14] William took their daughter, Ann Stubbs, with him. An older daughter, Rebecca Stubbs, remained on Nantucket and married Prince Hayden of the Isle of Wight, leaving numerous progeny.[15] Ann married Elijah Pope in Hull and moved to Dorchester and Boston. William Stubbs died in his nineties, intestate, in Ann's home. His inventory was filed in Boston 3 June 1786 by David Speare, his brother Richard's stepson, who was the chief creditor of the estate, and who had been appointed as administrator. The property was sold to settle the estate.[16]

Children (**Manning**) by her first husband, David Manning, born in Sherborn, Nantucket, Mass.:[17]

+467 i. **David**[5], born about 1727.

+468 ii. **Phebe**, born 16 July 1729.

Children (**Stubbs**), by her second husband, William Stubbs, born in Sherborn, Nantucket, Mass.:[18]

+469 iii. **Rebecca**, born 25th 11 mo. 1736.

+470 iv. **Ann**, born about 1740; mentioned in Hull records.

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84. **Theodate Gorham**[4] (*Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 18 July 1705,[1] the daughter of Shubael and Puella (Hussey) Gorham. Theodate died on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 6 April 1787, at 81 years of age.[2]

Theodate Gorham married first, on Nantucket 2 November 1727 **Francis Coffin**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 13 November 1706,[4] the son of John and Hope (Gardner) Coffin. Francis Coffin died on Nantucket before 4 December 1735,[5] the date his widow remarried.

Theodate married second, on Nantucket 4 December 1735 **Reuben Gardner**,[6] who was born about 1705,[7] the son of Solomon and Anna (Coffin) Gardner. Reuben Gardner died in Sherborn, Nantucket, 18 November 1784.[8]

Theodate's brother, Capt. George Gorham of Stamford, Conn., while staying at the home of his father in Hyannis, Mass., on Cape Cod, on his return from a voyage to Barbados, made the following entry in his log book, 20 September 1727, "This day Francis Coffin came to ask consent for Theodate."[9]

Theodate was named by her brother, Daniel Gorham of Barnstable, mariner, as his "fourth sister," in his will dated 24 January 1740, proved in January 1746, in which he gave her one-eleventh of his estate.[10] She was also named by her father, Shubael Gorham, as one of his seven beloved daughters in his will dated 23 September 1748, proved 7 August 1750.[11]

Theodate's first husband, Francis Coffin, late of Sherborn, cooper, died intestate. The administration of his estate was given to John Coffin, Esq., of Sherborn, 13 October 1738. On 16 October 1738, Richard Coffin of Sherborn was appointed as the guardian of the two minor sons of Francis Coffin, deceased. On the same day a correction was made, "Francis Coffin died intestate and left three children, two sons and one daughter, who are minors." Reuben Gardner, mariner, of Sherborn, was appointed

as the "guardian to the daughter, one of the minors abovementioned." The inventory of Francis Coffin's estate, as amended on 3 April 1741, amounted to £851-1-10. Disbursments of £103-0-0 were spent on the children, leaving a balance of £748-1-10 to be divided among the heirs. The widow was given a third part of the real estate and of the personal property and the eldest son received a double share, with one share each going to "the other children."[12]

Theodate's second husband, Reuben Gardner, in his will dated 13 October 1783, approved 7 January 1785, gave the use of all of his estate upon the Island of Nantucket and elsewhere, both real and personal, to his beloved wife, Theodate Gardner. Half of his warehouse was given to his son, Shubael Gardner, "if ever he should return home again," and the other half to his daughter, Naomi Chase. He mentioned his granddaughter, Lydia Gardner, his grandson Reuben Gardner, his grandson Thaddeus Gardner, and his three granddaughters, the children of his son, Thaddeus Gardner, deceased, and his five granddaughters, the children of his son, Reuben Gardner, deceased. He bequeathed one-third of the residue to his son, Shubael Gardner, one-third to his daughter, Naomi Chase, one-sixth to his grandson, Reuben Gardner, and one-sixth "to my five granddaughters, the children of my son, Reuben Gardner, deceased, if my son Shubael should come home again. If my son Shubael should never return, then one-half is to go to my daughter Naomi Chase, one-quarter to my grandson Reuben Gardner and one-quarter among his sisters, equally." Theodate's husband mentioned property he had bought from Peleg Coffin, Micah Coffin, Benjamin Coleman, Jeremiah Gardner, Nathaniel Coffin and Jonathan Coleman, and the property adjoining Joseph Worth. He named his wife, Theodate, and his son-in-law Francis Chase, as joint executors. Witnesses were Jonathan Coffin, Joseph Barnard and Frederick Folger.[13] This abstract of Reuben Gardner's will expands and corrects the abstract quoted by Alexander Starbuck in his *History of Nantucket*, page 769.

Children (**Coffin**), by her first husband, Francis Coffin, born in Sherborn, Nantucket, Mass.:[14]

+471 i. **Peleg**[5], born 8 November 1728.
+472 ii. **William**, born 5 August 1730.
+473 iii. **Judith**, born 13 August 1732.

Children (**Gardner**), by her second husband, Reuben Gardner, born in Sherborn, Nantucket, Mass.:[15]

+474 iv. **Reuben**, born 10th 9 mo. 1736.
+475 v. **Thaddeus**, born 22d 6 mo. 1739.
+476 vi. **Shubael**, born 7th 1 mo. 1742.
+477 vii. **Naomi**, born 29th 8 mo. 1746.

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85. **Desire Gorham**[4] (*Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 26 September 1710,[1] the daughter of Shubael and Puella (Hussey) Gorham. Desire died in Sherborn, on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 5 November 1801, at 91 years of age.[2]

Desire Gorham married on Nantucket 2 September 1728 **Zachariah Bunker,**[3] who was born on Nantucket about 1700,[4] the son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Coffin) Bunker. Zachariah died on Nantucket 16 August 1757.[5]

Desire's brother, Daniel Gorham of Barnstable, in his will dated 24 January 1740 and probated in January 1746, called Desire his "fifth sister," and left her a three-elevenths part of his estate.[6] Desire's father, Shubael Gorham, mentioned Desire as one of his seven beloved daughters, in his will dated 23 September 1748, proved 7 August 1750.[7]

Zachariah Bunker of Sherborn, Gentleman, died intestate. Letters of administration on his estate were given to his widow, Desire Bunker, 7 November 1758, "she being of the people called Quakers." The total inventory amounted to £249-6-3. Claims against the estate came to £379-2-1¼. The estate was declared to be insolvent.[8]

On 7 December 1759, Desire Bunker, widow of Zachariah, sold to Shubael Bunker, mariner, half of the house of Zachariah Bunker, deceased, half of the land, and one-eighth of the well. Witnesses were Joseph Worth and Peleg Coffin.[9]

Children (**Bunker**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[10]

+478 i. **Jonathan**[5], born 2 April 1729.
+479 ii. **Shubael**, born 9 August 1731.
+480 iii. **James**, born 21 August 1733.
+481 iv. **Simeon**, born 21 March 1736.
+482 v. **Elizabeth**, born 18 September 1738.
+483 vi. **Desire**, born 16 August 1741.
+484 vii. **Zachariah**, born 11 March 1744.
viii. **Francis**, born 29 August 1746; said to have married a Paddock in 1775 but no record has been found.
ix. **Andrew**, born 30 August 1752, died at sea 14 January 1779.

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86. **Ruth Gorham**[4] (*Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 7 May 1713,[1] the daughter of Shubael and Puella (Hussey) Gorham. Ruth died in Middleboro, Mass., 2 September 1792, aged 79 years 3 months 24 days.[2]

Ruth Gorham married in Barnstable 12 January 1731/2 (intentions 7 November 1731) **Cornelius Bennet** of Middleboro,[3] who was born in Middleboro 9 July 1703,[4] the son of Ebenezer Bennet and his wife, Ruth Coombs, a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Degory Priest. Cornelius Bennet died in Middleboro 25 February 1766, aged 62 years 7 months 13 days.[5]

Ruth's brother, Daniel Gorham of Barnstable, in his will dated 24 January 1740, called her his "sixth sister Ruth," and gave her one-eleventh of his estate. Ruth's father, Shubael Gorham of Barnstable, in his will dated 23 September 1748, named her as one of his "seven beloved daughters."[6]

Cornelius Bennet was called Gentleman, School teacher, Doctor, and Mr. in Middleboro town records. After teaching school and preaching in Falmouth, "County of Yorke," (now Maine) from December 1729/30 to April 1730,[7] Cornelius went to Barnstable, Mass., on Cape Cod, where he married Ruth Gorham the following year.[8] He bought land in Middleboro, Mass., 29 March 1734 from the Mayo family of Eastham, Mass., and from Elisha Mayo of Middleboro.[9] In September 1737, he was sued in Middleboro, being called "Dartmouth Schoolmaster, otherwise called Middleboro Physician."[10] In March 1749/50, he petitioned the court to be relieved of paying taxes for the Congregational Church because he was a member of the Church of England and had lived in Rhode Island for three of the previous four years.[11]

The Bennets also lived on Nantucket for several years, as shown by the entry in *Middleboro Deaths*, in which their daughter, Theodate (Bennet) (Ling) Miller, was called "Dau. of G. (*sic*) Bennet from Nantucket." Another daughter, Christiana, married Samuel Russell on Nantucket and raised her family there.[12]

Cornelius Bennett of Middleboro, physician, died intestate. On 22 May 1766, his widow, Ruth Bennett, was named administratrix of his estate. The inventory, totaling £554-15-0, included £407 in real estate. In

the division of the estate, Ruth Bennet, widow, received her dower thirds, with the remainder of the estate divided among her seven children, eldest son William, sons Silvanus, Batchelor and Ebenezer Livy, and daughters Theodate, Sally and Christiana.[13] On 6 April 1767, Ruth Bennett, widow, and her son, Batchelor Bennet, both of Middleboro, were appointed guardians for the three minor children, Theodate Bennet, above 14 years, Sally Bennet, no age stated, and Silvanus Bennet.[14]

Widow Ruth Bennet of Middleboro, in her will dated 11 May 1792, proved 15 October 1792, mentioned her four sons, Ebenezer Livy, Batchelor, William and Sylvanus Bennet, and her three daughters, Christiana Russell, Sarah Wood and Theodate Miller. Son William was named sole executor. Witnesses were James Sproat, Ephraim Tomson, Jr., and Mordecai Morton.[15] Final settlement of Cornelius Bennet's estate did not take place until 1 December 1792, after the death of his widow, Ruth Bennet.

Children (**Bennet**), first born in Barnstable, Mass, second, eighth and ninth born in Middleboro, Mass., third and fourth born in Dartmouth, Mass., fifth and sixth born in Newport, R.I., all but first and sixth children mentioned in parent's probate records:[16]

i. **Cornelius**[5], born 30 September 1732, died young.

+485 ii. **William**, born 24 June 1734; called "eldest son."

+486 iii. **Ebenezer Livy**, born 17 February 1736/7; mentioned in probate records.

+487 iv. **Christiana**, born 15 September 1739; called "Christiana Russell" in mother's probate records.

+488 v. **Batchelor**, born 10 April 1742; mentioned in probate records.

vi. **Philip**. born 10 April 1745, died young.

+489 vii. **Sally**, born about 1747; called "Sarah Wood" in mother's probate records.

+490 viii. **Theodate**, born 28 January 1751; called Theodate Miller in mother's probate records.

+491 ix. **Silvanus**, born 11 October 1754; mentioned in probate records.

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87. **Deborah Gorham**[4] (*Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., after 1714,[1] the daughter of Shubael and Puella (Hussey) Gorham. Deborah died on the Island of Nantucket, Massachusetts, 21 April 1787.[2]

Deborah Gorham married on Nantucket 11 December 1735 **Beriah Fitch**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 30 August 1713,[4] the son of Jedediah and Abigail (Coffin) Fitch who came from Norwich, Conn. Beriah Fitch died on Nantucket 4 May 1785.[5]

Deborah was called "my seventh sister Deborah" by her brother, Daniel Gorham, in his will dated 24 January 1740, in which he gave her one-eleventh of his estate. Her father, Shubael Gorham of Barnstable, in his will dated 23 September 1748, named her as one of his "seven beloved daughters, viz. . . . Deborah."[6] Some of their descendants moved to Baltimore, Maryland and to New Garden, North Carolina.[7]

Beriah Fitch of Sherborn, Nantucket, in his will dated 30 twelfth month 1784, proved and allowed 4 November 1785, mentioned his well-beloved wife, Deborah Fitch, his three sons, Jonathan Gorham Fitch, Reuben Fitch and Jedediah Fitch, and his seven daughters, Eunice Barnard, Lydia Glover, Parnel Whippy, Phebe Burns, Lucinda Squires, Deborah Torry and Puella Newcomb. Administration of Beriah's estate was granted to Deborah Fitch, as the sole executrix.[8]

Children (**Fitch**), born in Sherborn, Nantucket, Mass.:[9]

+492 i. **Eunice**[5], born 12 September 1736.
+493 ii. **Lydia**, born 13 November 1738.
+494 iii. **Jonathan Gorham**, born 3 September 1740.
+495 iv. **Pernal**, born 17 May 1742.
+496 v. **Phebe**, born 8 June 1744.
+497 vi. **Lucinda**, born 19 September 1746.
vii. **Beriah**, born 17 August 1748; not mentioned in father's will.
+498 viii. **Reuben**, born 21 June 1750 (twin); mentioned in father's will.
ix. **Shubael**, born 21 June 1750 (twin), died on Nantucket 24 June 1753.[10]
+499 x. **Puella**, recorded in vital records, no date given.
+500 xi. **Deborah**, born in October 1755.
+501 xii. **Jedediah**, born 2d 10 mo. 1762.

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By the Honourable Silvanus Bourn Esqr: Judge
of Probate &c for the County of Barnstable

To David Crocker Esqr: Mr Robert Davis and Lieu^t John Hinkley
all of Barnstable in the County afor^d Sufficient freeholders Greeting
You are Hereby Desired and Impowered first Being Sworn
To make a Just and Equal apprisal of the Estate of William Gorham
Late of Barnstable afor^d Deceased and make Return of an Inventory
Thereof into the Registry of the Court of Probate for the
County afor^d with Conveinent speed Given under my hand and
Seal of said Court of Probate dated at Barnstable the fifteen^th
Day of august Domini 1746

Silvanus Bourn

Barnstable ss

Novem^r 27th 1746 then Personally appeared the above
Named David Crocker Robert Davis and John Hinkley
and made oath to the faithfull Discharge of the
Trust Reposed in them by the above warrant

Before me Silvanus Bourn Judge of Probate

An Inventory of the Estate of Mr William Gorham Late of
Barnstable in the County of Barnstable Marriner Deceased
As it was shown two and Prised by us the Subscribers this Seventeenth
Day of November Anno Domini 1746

Fig. 8. Summons to appraise the intestate estate of William Gorham of Barnstable, Mass. From Barnstable Co. Prob. 8:215. [For his parents see p. 88.]

FIFTH GENERATION

15. The Grandchildren of Desire Gorham[3]

88. **Samuel Daggett**[5] (*Elizabeth Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, Mass., (now in Rhode Island), 10 June 1685, baptized 22 July 1688,[1] the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hawes) Daggett. He died in Edgartown, Mass., before 1726, the date he was called "deceased" in his father's will.[2]

Samuel Daggett married in Edgartown, 11 July 1705 **Mary Pease**,[3] who was born in Edgartown 17 February 1685,[4] the daughter of Thomas and Bathsheba (Merry) Pease. Mary died in April 1767.[5]

Samuel Daggett died before his father, Thomas Daggett, who, in his will dated 8 July 1726, probated in October 1726, bequeathed half of the homestead that was his father's to his son, Samuel's orphaned children, named as Samuel, Seth, Solomon and Sylvanus.[6] Samuel's mother, Elizabeth Daggett, in her will dated 25 December 1732/3, mentioned her grandsons, Samuel, Seth, Solomon and Sylvanus Daggett, and her granddaughter Betty, "alias Elizabeth Daggett." Samuel's mother also mentioned son Samuel's widow, Mary Daggett.[7]

Children (**Daggett**), born in Edgartown, Dukes County, all mentioned in grandparents' wills:[8]

i. **Samuel**[6], born about 1706.
ii. **Seth**, born 5 February 1713 (?).
iii. **Solomon.**
iv. **Sylvanus.**
v. **Elizabeth.**

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89. **Elizabeth Daggett**[5] (*Elizabeth Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Edgartown, Mass., about 1690,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hawes) Daggett. Elizabeth died probably in

Edgartown after 1753, the year she joined her husband in deeding land to their son, John, Jr.[2]

Elizabeth Daggett married in Edgartown 16 December 1708 **John Butler, Jr.**,[3] who was born about 1674,[4] the son of John and Priscilla (Norton) Butler. John died after 6 February 1754 when he deeded land to his daughter, Phebe.[5]

Elizabeth was mentioned by her parents in their wills dated 8 July 1726 and 25 December 1735.[6] On 24 May 1736, John Butler, Jr., yeoman, and his wife, Elizabeth, of Edgartown, sold land in Edgartown to Thomas Snow, mariner.[7] John Butler moved from Edgartown to Watch's Neck, Tisbury, Mass., before 1748.[8] In 1753, John and his wife, Elizabeth, deeded land to their son, John Butler, Jr. of Tisbury, yeoman, the deed not to take effect until after the death of John and Elizabeth. The following year, John Butler deeded land on the same basis to his daughter, Phebe, wife of Abner Coffin; to his daughter, Keziah, wife of Samuel Osborn, and to his daughter, Abigail Butler.[9] These deeds apparently took the place of probating John Butler's estate.

Children (**Butler**), born and baptized in Edgartown, Mass.:[10]

i. **Keziah**[6], born about 1710, bapt. 8 July 1722.
ii. **Phebe**, born about 1713, bapt. 8 July 1722.
iii. **Paul**, born about 1716, bapt. 8 July 1722.
iv. **Jane**, born about 1718, bapt. 8 July 1722; Mrs. Jane Butler, daughter of John Butler and Elizabeth Daggett, sister of John, was buried in 1763, aged 40.
v. **Abigail**, born about 1722, bapt. 9 December 1722; called "spinster" when she sold land 21 February 1754 to Bays Norton, "deriving from her father, John Butler."[11]
vi. **John**, Jr., bapt. 9 April 1727.

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90. **Jemima Daggett**[5] (*Elizabeth Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Edgartown, Mass., about 1694,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hawes) Daggett. The date and place of her death have not been documented.

Jemima Daggett married, probably in Edgartown about 1718, **Malachi Butler**,[2] who was born about 1689,[3] the son of John and Priscilla (Norton)

Butler. Malachi Butler died after 1770, the year he sold his property in the North Purchase of Woodbury, Conn.[4]

Jemima was called "Jemima Butler" in her father's will dated 8 July 1726, and in her mother's will, dated 25 December 1735.[5]

In 1721 Malachi Butler's father, John Butler of Edgartown, gave him land on Martha's Vineyard, at Chappaquiddick and in Edgartown. In 1732 Malachi was given half of his father's pew in the Edgartown meeting house, the other half going to his brother, Gamaliel Butler. Malachi sold his half in 1744.[6]

On 23 January 1734/5 Malachi Butler "of Edgartown in Dukes County," bought a dwelling house, barn and fruit trees in the Town of Lebanon, Windham County, Conn., from William Allen of Windham.[7] Malachi Butler was admitted to the First Congregational Church in Lebanon, Conn., from Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, 11 January 1736. His wife, Jemima Butler, was admitted 4 July 1736. Their three youngest daughters, Lydia, Mary and Jemima, were baptized in Lebanon.[8] Other land transactions in Lebanon occurred in 1740, 1751, 1752 and 1753.[9]

In 1747 Malachi Butler bought property in Bethlehem, Conn., from Mary Wheeler, some of which he gave to his "well-beloved son" Zephaniah Butler, in 1750.[10] In 1757 Malachi bought land in the North Purchase of Woodbury, Conn., from his son, Zephaniah.[11] That same year the town fathers of Woodbury declared Malachi to be of unsound mind "such as to waste his property."[12] In spite of this, six months later, in 1758, Malachi sold his property on Martha's Vineyard to John Pease.[13] In 1770 he sold his property in the North Purchase of Woodbury to David Leavitt.[14]

Children (**Butler**), first seven baptized in Edgartown, Mass., last three baptized in Lebanon, Conn.:[15]

i. **Thankful**[6], bapt. 30 January 1723.
ii. **Susannah**, bapt. 20 December 1724.
iii. **Zephaniah**, bapt. 15 January 1726/7.
iv. **Benjamin**, bapt. 4 May 1729.
v. **Margery**, bapt. 18 July 1731.
vi. **Silas**, bapt. 11 November 1733.
vii. **Solomon**, born in 1735, bapt. 17 February 1745.
viii. **Lydia**, bapt. 18 January 1736.
ix. **Mary**, bapt. 19 March 1738.
x. **Jemima**, bapt. 18 June 1742.

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91. **Thankful Daggett**[5] (*Elizabeth Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Edgartown, Mass., 6 April 1696,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hawes) Daggett. Thankful died either in Edgartown or Tisbury, Mass., 2 July 1766.[2]

Thankful Daggett married first, in Edgartown about 1715 **Zephaniah Butler,**[3] who was born in Edgartown about 1687,[4] the son of John and Priscilla (Norton) Butler. Zephaniah Butler died in Edgartown 15 September 1721.[5]

Thankful married second, in Edgartown about 1723 **Brotherton Daggett,**[6] who was born about 1686,[7] the son of Joshua and Hannah (Norton) Daggett. Brotherton Daggett died in Edgartown 5 March 1740/1, at 53 years of age.[8]

Thankful married third, in Edgartown, as his second wife, after 1752, **Jabez Athearn,**[9] who was born in Tisbury, Mass., 10 October 1678,[10] the son of Simon and Mary (Butler) Athearn. Jabez Athearn died in Tisbury 29 November 1761.[11] There were no children from Thankful's third marriage.

Thankful was mentioned by her father, Thomas Daggett, in his will dated 8 July 1728, and was called "Thankful Daggett" in her mother's will, dated 25 December 1735, after her marriage to Brotherton Daggett.[12]

Zephaniah Butler, Thankful's first husband, was a farmer. No probate records have been found for him. On 16 June 1741, Thankful Daggett was appointed as the administratrix of the estate of her second husband, Brotherton Daggett, whose estate amounted to £1073-11-5. The inventory was taken 8 July 1741.[13]

Children (**Butler**), by her first husband, Zephaniah Butler, born in Edgartown, Mass.:[14]

i. **Shubael**[6], born about 1716, bapt. 9 December 1722.
ii. **Sarah**, born about 1718, bapt. 9 December 1722.

Children (**Daggett**), by her second husband, Brotherton Daggett, born in Edgartown, Mass.:[15]

iii. **Brotherton**, bapt. 7 February 1725.
iv. **Thankful**, bapt. 12 March 1727.
v. **Thomas**, bapt. 10 November 1728.
vi. **Timothy**, bapt. 28 February 1731.
vii. **Elijah**, bapt. 21 April 1734.

viii. **Jethro**, bapt. 23 May 1736.
ix. **Ebenezer**, bapt. 26 August 1739.

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92. **Mary Daggett**[5] (*Elizabeth Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Edgartown, Mass., 8 August 1698,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hawes) Daggett. She was buried there 13 December 1779.[2]

Mary Daggett married in Edgartown in 1722 **Matthew Norton**,[3] who was born in Edgartown 22 April 1696,[4] the son of Benjamin and Hannah Norton. Matthew died in Edgartown 5 December 1779, aged 82 years.[5]

Mary was mentioned in her father's will dated 8 July 1726, and was called "Mary Norton" in her mother's will, dated 25 December 1735.[6]

Mary's husband, Matthew Norton, was a farmer and a deacon in the church for many years in Edgartown.[7] On 22 March 1780, at Edgartown, Matthew Norton's heirs signed a document confirming the receipt of £10 each from Beriah Norton, "administrator of the estate of Matthew Norton, late of Edgartown, deceased, . . . which sd administrator was to pay by the will of the said Matthew Norton, deceased. . . . also household moveables." The heirs were Benjamin Coffin and his wife, Elizabeth; Robert Allen and his wife, Desire; John Pease, Jr., and his wife, Jerusha; William Pease and his wife, Lois; Eddy Coffin and his wife, Sarah; and Matthew Butler. On the same day, Matthew Butler signed a receipt for £50 lawful money, in silver, "it being in full of the Legacy given me by my Honored Grandfather Matthew Norton late of Edgartown, deceased."[8] Eddy Coffin was an heir in the right of his wife, Sarah Vincent, granddaughter of Matthew Norton through his eldest daughter, Jane, whose first husband was Thomas Vincent. Matthew Butler was a grandson of Matthew Norton through Jane's second husband, Matthew Butler.[9] The intermarriages between the Nortons and the Butlers, the Coffins, Allens and Peases, were very involved and deserve close study.

Children (**Norton**), born in Edgartown, Mass.:[10]

i. **Jane**[6], born 25 July 1723, bapt. 2 May 1731; mistakenly called "John" in *Doggett-Daggett Families*; called "Jane" in *History of Martha's Vineyard* 3:376, with the record of her marriage to Thomas Vincent.

ii. **Matthew**, born 22 August 1725; not mentioned in distribution of father's estate.
iii. **Elizabeth**, born 23 March 1726/7, bapt. 2 May 1731.
iv. **Huldah**, born 16 April 1729, bapt. 2 May 1731; not mentioned in distribution of father's estate.
v. **Desire**, born 10 July 1731.
vi. **Beriah**, born 12 January 1733/4.
vii. **Jerusha**, born 8 July 1736.
viii. **Lois**, born 20 April 1739.

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93. **Benjamin Daggett**[5] (*Elizabeth Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Edgartown, Mass., in 1701, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hawes) Daggett. He died at his son Benjamin's home on Fox Island, now Vinalhaven, Maine, in December 1791, at the age of 90 years, and was buried in Edgartown.[2]

Benjamin Daggett married, probably in Edgartown, 11 June 1734 **Margery Homes**,[3] who was born in Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., 23 January 1710/1,[4] the daughter of the Rev. William and Catherine (Craighead) Homes. She was buried in Edgartown 31 May 1783.[5]

Benjamin Daggett inherited land in Edgartown from his father, Capt. Thomas Daggett.[6] Benjamin was admitted to the church in Edgartown in 1735 and served as a deacon for forty years. This family resided in Edgartown, Chilmark and Tisbury.[7]

Benjamin Daggett, Gentleman, of Edgartown, in his will dated 10 May 1788, probated in 1793, gave to his son Benjamin Daggett, land "called Manaqua and one half interest in the plain lotts on the southeast part of the great plain so-called." Son John was given the other half of the plain lotts, "over on the water's edge," as well as land and buildings in Edgartown, in addition to the outdoor moveables. Daughter Katherine Daggett was given the indoor moveables after her father's death, and land in Dukes County, "at the lower neck," bounded on the northeast by land given to her by her uncle, Thomas Daggett. Benjamin bequeathed "six Spanish milled Dollars" to his daughters, Elizabeth Whilden and Hannah Stuart, to be paid by his son, John Daggett, within six months after their father's death. Benjamin gave the same amount to his daughter, Peggy

Athearn, to be paid by his son, Benjamin. William Jernigan and sons Benjamin and John Daggett were named executors. Witnesses were Thomas Jernigan, Elijah Donham and David Jernigan.[8]

Children (**Daggett**), born and baptized in Edgartown, Mass.:[9]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], bapt. 20 April 1735.
ii. **Katherine**, bapt. in 1736; unmarried in 1788.
iii. **William**, born 18 November 1738, died 14 September 1740.
iv. **Timothy**, born 31 January 1740/1, died 3 February 1741/2.
v. **Benjamin**, born 1 December 1742; served in the Revolutionary War.[10]
vi. **John**, bapt. 4 November 1744.
vii. **Hannah**, bapt. 28 January 1748.
viii. **Mary/Peggy**, bapt. 5 May 1751.

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94. **Hannah Bacon**[5] (*Mary Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 7 June 1687,[1] the daughter of John and Mary (Hawes) Bacon. She died probably in Plymouth, Mass, after September 1733,[2] when she and her husband sold property in Plymouth.

Hannah Bacon married in Barnstable 25 March 1709 **Ebenezer Morton**,[3] who was born in Plymouth 11 April 1685,[4] the son of Ephraim and Hannah (Finney) Morton. Ephraim Morton died probably in Plymouth, after December 1733,[5] the date he filed a lawsuit in Plymouth.

Hannah's father, John Bacon, in his will dated 2 December 1730, called her "Hannah Morton" and gave her his Great Bible and one-third of his household goods, but she was not to sell or dispose of them. If Hannah's daughter, Mary Morton, were living at Hannah's decease, all household goods were to go to her. If Mary Morton were also deceased, the goods were to go to John Bacon's own sons and daughters. "Daughter Morton's male heirs" were to share equally in one-eighth part of all of John Bacon's housing and lands at Strawberry Hill, Barnstable. John Bacon further provided that, if daughter Hannah Morton be left a widow and have no house to live in, she was to have the west chamber of John Bacon's dwelling house and be allowed to bake and brew in the "west kitching."[6]

Hannah's husband, Ebenezer Morton, Plymouth yeoman, was constantly

suing or being sued for debt. Finally, he invested in several whaling voyages to North Carolina and Point Lookout which were less than successful and ended in more lawsuits.[7] Hannah Morton was living 29 October 1730 when she was called "wife of Ebenezer Morton," and signed to release a mortgage.[8] She was still alive in September 1733 when Timothy Morton sued Ebenezer Morton, "Plymouth Yeoman," to eject him and his wife from his farm and homestead which was "sold by defendant and wife Hannah but not delivered."[9] The next time Ebenezer was sued, in December 1733, he was called "Labourer."[10]

The fact that Ebenezer's wife, Hannah, was alive in 1733 proves that it was not this Ebenezer Morton of Plymouth who married Mercy Foster in 1720, as reported in the *Morton Genealogy*, and in *Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth*. Mercy Foster actually married a different Ebenezer Morton who was called "Gentleman, of Middleboro," as well as Deputy Sheriff and later Captain.[11] Capt. Ebenezer Morton of *Middleboro* died before 11 June 1750. The division of his estate was made 22 May 1751, in which his widow, Mercy Morton, received her dower thirds, his eldest son, John, received a double portion, the remainder being shared by nine other children, Ebenezer, Seth, Nathaniel, Mercy, widow of Zachariah Eddy; Mary, wife of Ebenezer Spooner; Hannah, wife of Abishai Washburn; Deborah, wife of Ichabod Morton; Sarah Morton and Lucy Morton,[12] none of whom were the children of Hannah Bacon and her husband, Ebenezer Morton of *Plymouth*. Therefore, the son named Solomon Morton, who was born in Plymouth in 1727 and recorded as the "the son of Ebenezer Morton of Plymouth," must have been the child of Ebenezer Morton of Plymouth and his wife, Hannah Bacon,[13] even though he was born nine years after the previous child.

In 1750, when the estate of Hannah Morton's deceased nephew, John Bacon, son of Nathaniel Bacon, Jr., was settled, the Barnstable County court ordered nephew John Bacon's brother, Jabez Bacon, to pay "one-Quarter Part of the money to the Mortons, said money being paid for Quiting the Estate aforesd 26 March 1750," (recorded 5 June 1750).[14] This concerned the final settlement of the estate of Hannah's father, John Bacon of Barnstable.

Children (Morton), born in Plymouth, Mass.:[15]

i. **Mary**^{6}, born 17 June 1711.
ii. **Edmund**, born 16 March 1713.
iii. **Patience**, born 16 June 1716, died 27 July 1718.
iv. **Zaccheus**, born 20 September 1718.
v. **Solomon**, born 16 May 1727.

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95. **Desire Bacon**[5] (*Mary Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 15 March 1688/9, the daughter of John and Mary (Hawes) Bacon. She died there 29 December 1730, at 41 years of age.[2]

Desire Bacon married in Barnstable 25 March 1709 **William Green,**[3] who was born in Plymouth, Mass., 24 April 1684,[4] the son of William Green and his wife, Elizabeth Warren, who was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Richard Warren. William Green married second, Mary Fuller, who was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller.[5] William Green died in Barnstable 28 January 1756.[6]

John Bacon of Barnstable, Desire's father, in his will dated 2 December 1730, probated 2 September 1731, called her "Desire Green" and gave land in Barnstable to her children.[7]

Desire's husband, William Green of Barnstable, yeoman, died intestate. On 16 March 1756, letters of administration were issued to Warren Green, blacksmith, of Middletown, Conn. Warren Green, as the eldest son, received land in Barnstable on condition that he paid the other children their shares. They were named as William Green, John Green, Desire Hinckley and Sarah Barker. In addition, William Green mentioned their grandchildren, Mercy, Joshua, Lucy, Content, Bersheba and Zipporah Barker, the minor children of his daughter, Mary Barker, deceased. The inventory was valued at £103-18-4.[8]

Children (**Green**), first child born in Plymouth, Mass., last six born in Barnstable, Mass.:[9]

i. **Mary**[6], born 8 March 1710, bapt. in Barnstable 5 September 1725.
ii. **Warren**, born 9 June 1712.
iii. **Desire**, born 24 October 1718.
iv. **William**, born 17 July 1721.
v. **Sarah**, born 27 December 1723.
vi. **John**, born 12 April 1726.
vii. **James**, born 19 September 1728.

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96. **Nathaniel Bacon**[5] (*Mary Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 16 January 1691,[1] the son of John and Mary (Hawes) Bacon. He died in Barnstable before 5 April 1741,[2] the date his third wife was called "widow Thankful Bacon" in church records.

Nathaniel Bacon married first, in Barnstable 1710 **Patience Parker,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 15 January 1690,[4] the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Lumbart) Parker. Patience died there 13 January 1718, in her 27th year and was buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery.[5]

Nathaniel Bacon married second, in Barnstable 19 August 1720 **Anna Annable,**[6] who was born in Barnstable 27 September 1697,[7] the daughter of Samuel and Patience (Doggett) Annable. Anna died between 23 March 1724, the birth of her last child, and 1730, the year of her husband's third marriage.[8]

Nathaniel Bacon married third, in Barnstable (intentions) 6 September 1730, widow **Thankful (Lewis) Lumbert,**[9] who was born in Barnstable 22 November 1704,[10] the daughter of Jonathan and Patience (Look) Lewis of Yarmouth. Thankful had married first, 17 March 1725/6 Gershom Lumbert, who died in 1729, by whom she had two daughters, Hannah and Jane Lumbert, not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Thankful married third, in Barnstable 7 September 1744 Augustin Bearse, by whom she had two more children, Sarah and Levi Bearse, not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. As "Widow Thankful Bacon," she was admitted to membership in the Barnstable East Precinct Church 5 April 1741, the same day her five children were baptized. She was disciplined by the church for having an illegitimate child, Lurania, baptized 28 August 1743, but "would not tell" the name of the father.[12] Thankful died in November 1773, called "Widow Thankful Bearse, about 70."[13]

Nathaniel Bacon was mentioned by his father, John Bacon of Barnstable, in his will dated 2 December 1730, probated 2 September 1732.[14]

Court records show that, in the division of the intestate estate of Nathaniel Bacon, Gentleman, Innholder, one-fourth of his property in Barnstable was given to his four sons, namely John Bacon, "since deceased," Lemuel Bacon, Benjamin Bacon and Jabez Bacon. The remainder

was set off to Mrs. Thankful Bearse, "late widow of said deceased." The warrant and division was dated 17 March 1749. Thankful's third husband, Mr. Augustine Bearse, was named as guardian of Lemuel, Benjamin and Jabez Bacon, minors.[15]

On 28 March 1749, a further division of Nathaniel Bacon's real estate was made to the legal representatives of his son, John Bacon, deceased: "to the Mortons" (Nathaniel Bacon's sister Hannah's family); to Jonathan Bacon; and to William Green (Nathaniel's sister Desire's husband). Jabez Bacon was to pay one-quarter of the money to the Mortons "for Quiting of the Estate."[16] This was done to clear the title to the property.

Nathaniel Bacon's eldest son, Daniel, born to his first wife, Patience Parker, was not mentioned in the division of his father's property, perhaps because Daniel had received an inheritance from his maternal grandfather, Judge Daniel Parker who, in his will dated Barnstable 10 September 1724, mentioned his three grandsons, Benjamin, Jabez and Daniel Bacon, sons of his deceased daughter, Patience Bacon.[17]

Samuel Annable, the father of Nathaniel Bacon's second wife, Anna Annable, mentioned his grandchildren, John and Mercy Bacon, in his will. Both of them lived with him. On 15 September 1745, Samuel Annable's heirs, John Bacon, Robert Davis and Jane Davis, Joseph Bacon and Patience Bacon, and Jonathan Hallett and Mercy Hallett, "once Mercy Bacon," certified that they had received their shares from their mother and grandmother, Patience Annable.[18]

Son John Bacon, mariner, in his will dated 14 June 1744, gave to his older half-brother, Daniel Bacon, one-third of the real estate that had come to him from their father, Nathaniel. The other two-thirds. plus his own estate, went to his sister, Mercy Bacon, sole executrix, and to her heirs. When the estate was probated, 8 March 1746, Mercy was called "Mercy Hallett, once Mercy Bacon."[19]

Son Jabez Bacon, mariner, called "a minor son of Nathaniel Bacon, decd, also decd.," died before 5 April 1757, intestate, leaving no wife or child. His estate was administered by his legal guardian, Edward Bacon of Barnstable, and was divided between all of his surviving brothers, sisters, half-brothers and half-sisters, namely Daniel Bacon, Benjamin Bacon, Lemuel Bacon, Levi Bearse, Mercy Hallett, Hannah Dunham, wife of David Dunham of Boston, Jane Lumbert and Sarah Bearse. Only Daniel, Benjamin, Lemuel and Mercy, in addition to John and Jabez, both deceased, were the children of Nathaniel Bacon and therefore descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[20]

Children (Bacon), born in Barnstable, Mass., baptized in the East Precinct Church, Barnstable:[21]

By his first wife, Patience Parker:[22]

i. **Benjamin**[6], born 12 January 1711/12, bapt. 7 April 1717, died before 1733.
ii. **Jabez**, born 3 April 1714, bapt. 7 April 1717, died before 1737.
iii. **Daniel**, born 17 March 1717, bapt. 7 April 1717.

By his second wife, Anna Annable:[23]

iv. **John**, born 21 May 1722, died before 8 March 1746.
v. **Mercy**, born 23 March 1724.

By his third wife, Thankful (Lewis) Lumbert:[24]

vi. **Benjamin**, born about 1731, bapt. 26 April 1741; a minor aged "about 13 years 15 November 1744" when he chose his step-father as his guardian, in 1744.
vii. **Lemuel**, born about 1733, bapt. 26 April 1741; a minor aged 11 years 15 November 1744.
viii. **Jabez**, born about 1737, bapt. 26 April 1741, died as a minor, intestate, before 3 March 1757; called "mariner."

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97. **John Bacon**[5] (*Mary Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 24 March 1696/7,[1] the son of John and Mary (Hawes) Bacon. He died at sea 24 May 1745.[2]

"Mr" John Bacon, Jr., married in Barnstable or in Harwich, Mass., 2 May 1726 (intentions 26 March 1726) "Mrs" **Elizabeth Freeman**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 6 July 1698,[4] the daughter of John Freeman and his second wife, widow Mercy (Hedge) Watson. Elizabeth was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Elder William Brewster. She died after 8 May 1770, the date she was named as executrix of her daughter Mercy's will.[5]

John Bacon was mentioned in the will of his father, John Bacon of Barnstable, dated 2 December 1730, probated 2 September 1731.[6] John was a saddler and a sea captain. He joined the East Precinct Church of Barnstable 5 October 1729, and was disciplined by the church for a

fistfight in 1742.[7] He fell overboard and drowned at sea, dying intestate. Letters of administration were granted to his widow, Elizabeth, 9 October 1745. The inventory was taken the same day and the account was recorded 20 December 1745. John's real estate was sold 9 March 1750 to pay his debts.[8]

Widow Elizabeth Bacon was named as the executrix of her unmarried daughter Mercy's estate, dated 4 December 1764, probated 8 May 1770.[9]

Children (**Bacon**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

i. **Mary**[6], born 24 March 1726/7, died 17 July 1727.
ii. **John**, born 22 April 1728, died young.
iii. **Barnabas**, born 18 April 1729, died 15 July 1729.
iv. Daughter, born and died 3 January 1729/30.
v. **Elizabeth**, born 8 May 1731.
vi. **Isaac**, born 25 December 1732.
vii. **Mercy**, born 27 January 1734/5, died unmarried 29 March 1765.[11]
viii. **Simeon**, born 26 July 1736, died 21 March 1739/40.
ix. **Desire**, born 20 May 1738, died unmarried 2 March 1811.
x. **Mary**, born 23 August 1740.

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98. **Isaac Bacon**[5] (*Mary Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 29 March 1699,[1] the son of John and Mary (Hawes) Bacon. He died in Provincetown, Mass., before 20 October 1730,[2] the date his second wife, Keziah, was given letters of administration on his intestate estate.

Isaac Bacon married first, before September 1725 **Mary** (——), who died in Provincetown 5 August 1727.[3]

Called "Mr. Isaac Bacon of Provincetown," he married second, in Eastham, Mass., 19 May 1728 (intentions 25 April 1728) **Keziah Doane**,[4] who was born in Eastham 26 May 1706,[5] the daughter of David and Dorothy (Horton) Doane. Keziah married second, in Eastham, 11 March 1734, as his second wife, John Duncan,[6] a Harwich, Mass., physician, by whom she had a son, John Duncan, born in 1735,[7] who was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Keziah died after 25 January 1738, the date her father made his will, calling her "Keziah Dunkans."[8] Keziah (Doane) (Bacon) Duncan may have been the Mrs. Keziah Dunkin

who recorded her intentions to marry Mr. Lazarus Phinney, 4 September 1756, called "both of Harwich."[9]

Keziah (Doane) Bacon was called "Mrs. Keziah Doane" in her intentions of marriage to John *Dunkin*, probably because the clerk knew her as Keziah Doane. The surname "Doane" was crossed out and "Bakon" was interlined in the same hand. In his will dated 25 January 1738, Keziah's father, Dr. David Doane of Eastham, gave ten shillings to his daughter, Keziah Dunkins, and £40 each to his granddaughters, Mary Bacon and Bethiah Bacon, her children by Isaac Bacon, "when they reach 18."[10]

In December 1725, Isaac Bacon, mariner, "of Cape Cod in the Constablewrick of Truro . . . otherwise Barnstable," was sued by David Bryant of Scituate for a debt of £12, dated 2 May 1723. This case was continued from the September term "when the court was informed by the defendant's wife that he was at sea when served with the writ.[11]

Isaac Bacon was listed as an inhabitant of Provincetown 21 June 1728, in Freeman's *History of Cape Cod*, which also mentions "moneys paid Doct. Bacon for Doct. Dunking, 20 January 1729."[12]

Isaac Bacon's father, John Bacon, in his will dated 2 December 1730, probated 2 September 1731, bequeathed to "Granddaughter Mary Bacon, daughter of decd son Isaac Bacon 20 shillings to be paid out of my estate . . . to Isaac's heir or heirs if his wife have another child & them or either of them live to be 21, £40, sum to be paid by my four sons or other heirs equally, when sd heir or heirs reach 21."[13]

Isaac Bacon of Provincetown died intestate and letters of administration were given to his widow, Keziah Bacon, 20 October 1730. "Keziah Bacon, having two young children to provide for," was given her dower 22 April 1731.[14]

Children (**Bacon**), born in Provincetown, Mass.:
By his first wife, Mary:[15]

i. **Mary**[6], born in July 1727, died 18 August 1727, aged 3 weeks.

By his second wife, Keziah Doane:[16]

ii. **Mary**, born about 1729, named in wills of both grandfathers.

iii. **Bethiah**, born before 22 April 1731; she was the unnamed child mentioned in grandfather Bacon's will; mentioned by name in grandfather David Doane's will.

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(Isaac Bacon). 15. *MD* 8:21. 16. Barnstable Co. Prob. 8:228 (David Doane); 5:1 (John Bacon).

99. **Solomon Bacon**[5] (*Mary Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 3 April 1701,[1] the son of John and Mary (Hawes) Bacon. He died after 1732 when he served as hog-reeve in Barnstable.[2]

Solomon Bacon married first, probably in Edgartown, Mass., 5 June 1719 **Sarah Lathrop,**[3] who was born in 1696,[4] the daughter of Thomas and Mehitable (Sarson) Lothrop. Sarah died in Edgartown 5 October 1723.[5]

Solomon Bacon married second, in Boston 9 August 1726, "by Mr. John Webb, President," (intentions Barnstable 16 July 1726) **Ann/Hannah Capron,**[6] whose parentage has not been found.

Solomon Bacon went to Edgartown about 1720 where he was a physician for several years, but he was not called that in his father's probate records in 1731. He was a hog-reeve in 1731 and 1732.[7]

Solomon's father, John Bacon, in his will dated 2 December 1730, gave Solomon the fruit of five trees in his orchard, "if he lives in Barnstable." He gave Solomon full liberty to live in his house at Strawberry Hill with his own family, "if he have no other house to live in, but not to lett it out or to hinder my other sons from living in or using part of the house, and he shall have liberty to live in sd house until he have a house of his own."[8]

No probate records for Solomon Bacon were found in Barnstable County. He may have moved elsewhere. The Gorham MS, apparently quoting *Barnstable Families*, credits Solomon with a daughter, Sarah, born in 1755, who died 11 April 1775, aged 20 years. However, East Barnstable Church records call this Sarah "dau. of Deacon Bacon, d. 11 April 1776, aged 20,"[9] without stating the given name of her father. Therefore, it would seem that the entry in *Barnstable Families* is in error.

No documented children have been found for Solomon Bacon.

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100. **Judah Bacon**[5] (*Mary Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 9 December 1703,[1] the son of John

and Mary (Hawes) Bacon. He died after 1743, the last date he was mentioned in Barnstable town records.[2]

Judah's father, John Bacon, in his will dated 2 December 1730, gave Judah Bacon and his heirs the "dwelling house I now live in [in Barnstable]," as well as the orchard, except for the fruit of some of the trees which was to go to his brothers, Solomon, Nathaniel and John, and to his sister Desire Green and her heirs.[3]

His step-mother, widow Sarah (Doty) (Warren) Bacon, sued Judah in March 1736/7 for not paying her an annual sum in lieu of her dower rights in his father's estate.[4]

In 1743, the Barnstable Town Meeting voted to remit 37 shillings, Old Tenor, to Barnabas Lothrop, late constable, for Judah Bacon's "rates," meaning taxes.[5] This would indicate that Judah Bacon may have been a poor man.

Nothing more is known about Judah Bacon. He apparently never married.[6]

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101. **Sarah Hawes**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 1 April 1696,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Howes) Hawes. She died in Yarmouth 31 January 1719/20, in her 24th year, called "wife of Thomas Hallett."[2]

Sarah Hawes married, as his first wife, in Yarmouth 9 April 1719 **Thomas Hallett,**[3] who was born in Yarmouth in 1691,[4] the son of Jonathan and Abigail (Dexter) Hallett. Thomas Hallett married second, in Harwich, Mass., 8 February 1721/2 Hannah Gray/Grey,[5] the daughter of John and Susannah (Clark) Gray and the sister of Joshua Gray, who called her "sister Hannah Hallet" in his will dated 1735.[6] Hannah died in Yarmouth 6 February 1749/50.[7] Thomas Hallett married third, in Yarmouth 19 August 1750 **Desire Gorham,**[8] who was born in Yarmouth 26 August 1710,[9] the daughter of John and Ann (Brown) Gorham, and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Desire died in Yarmouth in December 1767, aged 56 years.[10] [See #221, pages 299-300.] Thomas Hallett married fourth, in Yarmouth 5 January 1769 (intentions 9 December 1768, **Mary (Gorham**[5]**) Hedge,**[11] who was born, posthumously, in Barnstable, Mass., 19 July 1719,[12] the daughter of James[4] and Mary (Joyce) Gorham. She was the widow of Thomas Hedge by whom she had eight children, all descendants of *Mayflower* passenger, John Howland. [See #209, pages 285-87.]

Thomas Hallett was called "Lieutenant" and "Gentleman." He served as a representative to the General Court in 1740. Sarah and her still-born child were buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.

Lieut. Thomas Hallett died in Yarmouth 10 April 1772,[13] in his 82d year, leaving a large estate. In his will dated 21 February 1770, proved 4 May 1772, he gave his third wife, Mary Hallett, a life interest in all of his real estate. After bequests to his nephews, he left the rest of his real and personal estate to his adopted son, Joshua Gray, the nephew (or son) of his second wife, Hannah Gray, and husband of his step-daughter, Mary Hedge, the daughter of his fourth wife, Mary (Gorham) (Hedge) Hallett by her first husband, Thomas Hedge.[14]

Sarah Hawes and Thomas Hallett had one child, stillborn in Yarmouth, 25 January 1719.[15] Thomas does not appear to have had any surviving children by his other three wives.

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102. **Elizabeth Hawes**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 6 November 1697,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Howes) Hawes. She died in Harwich, Mass., 8 January 1748/9, in her 52d year.[2]

Elizabeth Hawes married in Yarmouth 29 June 1721 **Jonathan Sears,**[3] who was born in Harwich 3 September 1693,[4] the son of Samuel and Mercy (Mayo) Sears. Jonathan Sears died in Harwich 3 September 1738, in his 45th year.[5]

This Sears family lived in Harwich. The inventory of the intestate estate of Jonathan Sears was presented to the court 25 April 1739. Two years later, 12 March 1741, widow Elizabeth Sears, "with four small children," was given her widow's allowance and was appointed guardian for her children, Jonathan, Joseph, Sarah and Prince Sears.[6]

Widow Elizabeth Sears died intestate. Joseph Sears of Harwich was appointed administrator, 10 March 1748.[7] On 7 March 1748, Joseph Sears, a minor son of Jonathan Sears of Harwich, chose his "uncle, Capt. Joseph Sears of Harwich," to be his guardian.[8] On 10 March 1748, the same Joseph Sears of Harwich was appointed guardian of Prince and Sarah Sears, minor son and daughter of Jonathan Sears.[9] On the same date, Mr. John Sears and Joseph Sears, both of Yarmouth were appointed

to appraise the estate of Elizabeth Sears, dec'd, and return the inventory. Joseph Sears, administrator, presented the inventory 22 March 1748.[10]

Elizabeth's father, Joseph Hawes, in his will dated 25 May 1752, named Elizabeth's sons, Jonathan, Joseph and Prince Sears, calling them sons of his daughter Elizabeth Sears, dec'd.[11] On 23 November 1757 John Sears, the second husband of deceased son Jonathan Sears's widow, Priscilla, was appointed guardian for Jonathan's two children, Jonathan and Elizabeth Sears, the grandchildren of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Hawes) Sears.[12]

Son Joseph Sears of Yarmouth, "lately of Rochester," in his will dated 5 February 1758, probated 4 April 1758, named his brother, Prince Sears, as his executor, and mentioned the two children of his deceased brother, Jonathan Sears, named as Jonathan and Elizabeth Sears.[13]

Children (**Sears**), born in Harwich, Mass.:[14]

i. **David**[6], born 2 September 1722, died young.
ii. **David**, born 26 March 1724, died young.
iii. **Jonathan**, born 9 September 1725, bapt. 12 September 1725.
iv. **Joseph**, born in May 1728, died 14 March 1758, unmarried.
v. **Mary**, bapt. 12 July 1730, died young.
vi. **Sarah**, born 28 July 1731, died 16 December 1749, aged 19 years.
vii. **Prince**, bapt. 30 July 1732, died 31 October 1732.
viii. **Nathan**, born 25 September 1733, bapt. 30 September 1733, died young.
ix. **Prince**, bapt. 13 April 1735.

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103. **Edmund Hawes**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 13 June 1699,[1] the son of Joseph and Mary (Howes) Hawes. He died in Barnstable, Mass., 11 May 1762, aged about 60 (in parentheses, 63).[2]

Edmund Hawes married in Barnstable 11 October 1729 **Mary (Paine) Freeman**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 13 August 1700,[4] the daughter of James and Bethiah (Thacher) Paine, a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Stephen Hopkins. Mary was the widow of Nathaniel Freeman, by whom she had three children, Bethiah, James and Nathaniel Freeman,[5] not

descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Mary died in Barnstable 17 June 1775, aged 75 years, called "Widow Mary Hawes."[6]

Edmund Hawes was admitted into the Barnstable East Precinct Church 22 December 1734.[7] Mary's father, James Paine, bequeathed to her his house and barn in Barnstable, now (in 1989) a guest house and restaurant, called "Barnstable House," reputed to be haunted. Edmund's father, Joseph Hawes of Yarmouth, in his will dated 25 May 1752, probated 6 December 1752, mentioned Edmund Hawes as one of his three surviving sons.[8]

Edmund's widow, Mary Hawes, in her will dated 13 August 1768, probated 11 July 1775, named her daughter by her first husband, Bethiah Hinckley, her grandson, James Paine Freeman, and her son by her second husband, Edmund Hawes, whom she named as her executor.[9]

Children (**Hawes**), born in Barnstable, Mass.[10]

i. **Sarah**[6], born 26 March 1733, died 12 June 1754.
ii. **Mary**, born 11 August 1735, died 25 February 1754.
iii. **Edmund**, born 26 July 1738.[11]

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104. **Thomas Hawes**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 16 May 1701,[1] the son of Joseph and Mary (Howes) Hawes. He died in Yarmouth 28 January 1746/7 in his 46th year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.[2]

Thomas Hawes married in Barnstable, Mass., 2 July 1730 (intentions 30 May 1730) **Thankful Gorham**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 25 May 1711 and baptized there in May 1714,[4] the daughter of James Gorham[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Mary Joyce[3] (*Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #206, page 283.]

As a widow, Thankful married second, in Yarmouth (intentions) 27 July 1749, as his second wife, Stephen Skiffe, Esq., of Sandwich, Mass.,[5] who was born in Sandwich 4 February 1685, the son of Stephen and Lydia Skiffe. Stephen Skiffe was buried there 4 October 1756, at 71 years of age.[6] Stephen's first wife was Sarah Lothrop, the daughter of Barnabas Lothrop.

Thankful married third, in Barnstable (intentions) 25 March 1758, as his third wife, Deacon Gershom Davis,[7] who was born in Barnstable 5 September 1702, the son of Joseph and Hannah (Cobb) Davis.[8] Gershom Davis died there 29 April 1790 in his 88th year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable.[9] Gershom's first wife was Elizabeth Sturgis[5] (*James Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), by whom he had one son, James Davis. [See #159, pages 235-36.] Gershom's second wife was Mary Hinckley[5] (*Mary Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), by whom he had seven children. [See #249, pages 334-35.]

Thankful died before 8 December 1801, the date her third husband's estate was settled.[10] She had no children by her second and third husbands.

No probate records have been found for Thankful's first husband, Thomas Hawes but, on 25 May 1752, all four children, James, Thomas, Mary and Hannah Hawes, were named in the will of their grandfather, Joseph Hawes as the children of his deceased son, Thomas.[11] Stephen Skiffe, Thankful's second husband, in his will dated Sandwich, 31 August 1756, proved in November 1756, named Thankful's sons by Thomas Hawes, as James Hawes and Thomas Hawes.[12]

Thankful's third husband, Deacon Gershom Davis, in his will written 18 January 1789, named Thankful and his son by his first wife, James Davis, as joint executors, but when the will was probated on 8 June 1790, James Davis was the only executor mentioned. When the second accounting was recorded, 8 December 1801, Thankful was called deceased.[13]

Children (Hawes), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[14]

i. **James**[6], born 2 July 1732.
ii. **Thomas**, born 22 February 1733/4.
iii. **Mary**, born 1 March 1735/6.
iv. **Hannah**, born 25 March 1738.

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105. **Joseph Hawes**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 12 January 1702/3,[1] the son of Joseph and Mary (Howes) Hawes. He died in Yarmouth 16 February 1759, in his 57th year and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.[2]

Joseph Hawes married in Yarmouth 20 July 1732 **Desire Hallett,**[3] who was born in Yarmouth 21 April 1714,[4] the daughter of Andrew and Mehitable (Annable) Hallett. Desire died in Yarmouth 24 February 1798, in her 85th year, and was buried with her husband in the Ancient Cemetery.[5]

Joseph Hawes was named in his father's will dated 22 May 1752, probated 6 December 1752.[6] In his own will dated 10 February 1759, probated 6 March 1759, Joseph named his wife, Desire Hawes, as executrix and also mentioned his daughters, Hannah and Desire.[7]

Children (**Hawes**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[8]

i. **Desire**[6], born 22 September 1735, died 2 March 1736.
ii. **Hannah**, born 27 May 1737.
iii. **Desire**, born 25 June 1743.

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106. **Mary Hawes**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 23 March 1703/4,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Howes) Hawes. She died in Barnstable, Mass., 12 February 1737/8.[2]

Mary Hawes married, as his first wife, 2 November 1732 (intentions 24 September 1732) **David Parker,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 17 February 1700/01 (or 1699/1700),[4] the son of Daniel and Mary (Lumbert) Parker. David Parker married second, in Yarmouth 1 November 1739 (intentions 6 September 1739) Mercy Crosby,[5] the daughter of Ebenezer Crosby, by whom he had four more children, David, Ebenezer, Elisha and James Parker, not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. David Parker died in Barnstable 24 June 1788, in his 88th year, and was buried in the West Barnstable Cemetery.[6]

Mary Hawes "of Yarmouth" was admitted to membership in the East Precinct Church in Barnstable 20 October 1723, where records show that she married a Parker and died 13 February 1737/8, between the ages of 30 and 40 years.[7] Her husband, David Parker, was a prominent Tory in Barnstable during the Revolutionary War and was unpopular with many of his neighbors.[8]

Mary's father, Joseph Hawes, in his will dated Yarmouth, 25 May 1752, mentioned Daniel and Mary Parker, "children of daughter Mary Parker, deceased."[9]

David Parker, in his will dated Barnstable, 2 June 1788, mentioned his son, Daniel Parker, and his daughter, Mary Childs, both children of his first wife, Mary Hawes. He also mentioned his four sons by his second wife, named David, Ebenezer, James, and his deceased son, Elisha Parker.[10]

Children (**Parker**), born in Barnstable, Mass:[11]

i. **Mary**[6], born 18 February 1733/4.
ii. **Daniel**, born 25 March 1735.
iii. **Patience**, born 3 March 1736, died 27 October 1737.

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107. **Temperance Hawes**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 31 December 1705, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Howes) Hawes. She died in Barnstable, Mass., 21 February 1767, in her 62d year and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.

Temperance married in Yarmouth 9 November 1727 (intentions 23 September 1727) **Ebenezer Gorham**[4], who was born in Barnstable 14 February 1695/6, the son of James Gorham[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Hannah Huckins. He died in Barnstable 16 November 1776, in his 83rd year.

[For the record of this family see #41, pages 81-82.]

108. **David Hawes**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 10 October 1707,[1] the son of Joseph and Mary (Howes) Hawes. He died in Yarmouth 17 June 1752.[2]

David Hawes married in Barnstable, Mass., 10 May 1736 (intentions 17 or 19 February 1736) **Elizabeth Cobb**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 18 April 1718,[4] the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Hallett) Cobb. Elizabeth died in Yarmouth 14 September 1768, "above 50 yrs."[5] [See page 70.]

David's father, Joseph Hawes, in his will dated 25 May 1752, probated 6 December 1752 said, "Should David be taken away before my decease,

[my will is] that his children should have what is given to him, his eldest son to have a double portion."[6]

Mrs. David Hawes was admitted into membership in the East Precinct Church of Barnstable 31 January 1741/2.[7]

David Hawes, yeoman, died intestate. On 27 July 1752, Elizabeth Hawes of Yarmouth, widow, was appointed administratrix of his estate. The inventory was presented 28 July 1752 and Elizabeth presented her accounts 4 August 1752, totaling £13-2-8. On 22 January 1753 she was made guardian of her children, David and Elizabeth Hawes, "minor son and daughter of David Hawes."[8]

Children (**Hawes**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

i. **David**[6], born 20 September 1740.

ii. **Elizabeth**, born 28 March 1742.

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109. **Prince Hawes**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 29 December 1709,[1] the son of Joseph and Mary (Howes) Hawes. He died in Yarmouth 8 December 1771, aged 62 years, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.[2]

Prince Hawes married in Yarmouth 17 July 1735 (intentions 20 June 1735) **Anna Hedge**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 9 December 1716,[4] the daughter of John and Thankful (Lothrop) Hedge. Anna died in Yarmouth 4 March 1782.[5]

Prince Hawes was a graduate of Harvard College, Class of 1728. He was a schoolmaster, town clerk, treasurer and selectman for Yarmouth for eleven years.[6] On 18 October 1769 he was appointed as guardian of his grandchildren, Elizabeth and Joseph Hawes, children of his son, Prince Hawes, Jr., dec'd, who was lost at sea, 14 December 1767.[7]

In his will dated 1 March 1769, probated 14 January 1772, Prince Hawes mentioned his widow Anna, his son Simeon, his three grandchildren, Joseph, Elizabeth and Anna Hawes, and his missing son, Prince Hawes, "supposed to be dead but should he be alive and return home, my will is that he shall come in and inherit one-fourth part of my real estate here bequeathed to my son, Simeon." Son Simeon was named executor. On 12 May 1772, Simeon Hawes presented his accounts for the support of Joseph Hawes, a minor grandson of Prince Hawes, and for Elizabeth

Hawes, a minor granddaughter, from 28 October 1769 to 28 October 1771, amounting to £13-4-2 for Joseph, and £6-18-10 for Elizabeth, "as Prince Hawes was their legal guardian."[8]

Children (**Hawes**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

i. **Prince**[6], born 15 April 1736, mar. **Sarah Thacher**[5] (*Judah*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #402, pages 523-25.]
ii. **Anna**, born 29 June 1739, died 28 April 1765.
iii. **Simeon**, born 22 March 1745; executor of father's estate.
iv. Unnamed son, born 18 July 1746, died 31 August 1746.

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110. **Thankful Hawes**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 16 April 1712,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Howes) Hawes. She died in Barnstable, Mass., 7 November 1739.[2]

Thankful Hawes married, as his first wife, in Yarmouth 19 October 1732 (intentions Barnstable 27 August 1732) **Thomas Annable,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 21 June 1708,[4] the son of Samuel and Patience (Doggett) Annable. Thomas Annable married second, in Barnstable 7 August 1740 (intentions 31 May 1740) **Anne Gorham**[5-5],[5] who was born in Barnstable 13 January 1716/7, the daughter of John Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Prudence Crocker[4] (*Anne*[3] *Howland, Desire*[2], *John*[1]), by whom he had Batchelder, died young, Thankful, Anne, died young, and Thomas, died young,[6] all descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Thomas Annable married third, in Barnstable 26 March 1748 Abigail Dimmock,[7] who was born in Barnstable 31 (*sic*) June 1715, the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Fuller) Dimmock. Thomas had three more children by Abigail, named Abigail, born 21 April 1749 and died, Abigail again, born 19 January 1753, and Joseph, born 1 September 1754. His third wife died 17 March 1784.[8] These children were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland but were descended from Edward Fuller of the *Mayflower*. Thomas Annable died in Barnstable before 15 January 1799, the date his will was probated.[9]

Thankful was admitted into membership in the East Precinct Church of Barnstable, 5 May 1734.[10]

In his will dated 26 July 1788, Thomas Annable, yeoman, mentioned his daughter, Thankful Loring, his granddaughter Sarah Annable, the daughter of his son, Joseph Annable, and his two grandchildren, Eleazer and Anne

Cobb, both under the age of 21 years. His son, Joseph Annable, was named sole executor. When letters of administration were filed 15 January 1799, Thomas Annable was called "Gentleman" and Joseph was called "Lieut."[11]

Thankful Hawes did not have any children by Thomas Annable.

[For Anne Gorham's ancestry see #272, pages 365-66.]

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111. **John Hawes**[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 3 May 1702,[1] the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Norton) Hawes. He died after 1745/6, the year his last child was born.[2]

John Hawes married in Yarmouth 10 February 1731/2 (intentions 2 January 1731/2) **Susannah Bassett**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 22 January 1714/5,[4] the daughter of Joseph and Susannah (Howes) Bassett. Susannah died after 1745/6, the date her last child was born.[5]

Susannah's father, Joseph Bassett, in his will dated 27 June 1737, mentioned his "eldest daughter, Susannah Hawes."[6]

John Hawes, as the eldest son, received a double portion in the division of the intestate estate of his father, Joseph Hawes, recorded 16 January 1733.[7] In her will dated 29 December 1741, probated 11 February 1741/2, his mother, Sarah Hawes gave him £10.[8]

There are no further records in Barnstable County for John and Susannah (Bassett) Hawes after the birth of their daughter, Mercy, in 1745/6. They may have moved elsewhere.

Children (Hawes), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

i. **Sarah**[6], born 17 October 1732.
ii. **Samuel**, born 17 October 1734.
iii. **John**, born 19 April 1736, died 2 August 1737, aged 15 months, 14 days.
iv. **John**, born 7 July 1739.
v. **Ruth**, born 21 May 1742.
vi. **Susannah**, born 28 April 1744.
vii. **Mercy**, born 31 January 1745/6.

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112. **Desire Hawes**[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 22 March 1704,[1] the daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Norton) Hawes. She died in Yarmouth 5 March 1764, called "widow Desier (*sic*) Hedge."[2]

Desire Hawes married in Yarmouth 26 November 1724 **John Hedge**, Jr.,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 4 October 1702,[4] the son of John and Thankful (Lothrop) Hedge. John Hedge died in Yarmouth 6 February 1761, in his 59th year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.[5]

John Hedge, Jr., and his wife, Desire, "of Yarmouth," were named in the division of her father's estate, dated 21 January 1733.[6] In the will of her mother, Sarah Hawes, dated 29 December 1741, Desire and her sister, Ruth, received their mother's wearing apparel in addition to a one-sixth share of the estate.[7]

Capt. John Hedge died intestate. His sons, John and Elisha Hedge, were named as administrators and presented the inventory 2 June 1761. The widow's dower was set off to Desire Hedge 3 November 1761.[8]

Children (Hedge), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

i. **Sarah**[6], born 20 August 1729.
ii. **Thankful**, born 26 August 1731, died 5 July 1736, aged 4 years, 10 months, 8 days.
iii. **John**, born 10 July 1734.
iv. **Elisha**, born 2 September 1735.
v. **Thankful**, born 30 September 1738.

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113. **Ebenezer Hawes**[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 15 July 1705,[1] the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Norton) Hawes. He died in Yarmouth before 29 December 1741, the date of his mother's will.[2]

Ebenezer Hawes married in Yarmouth 16 January 1728/9 **Sarah Hedge**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 30 November 1709,[4] the daughter of John and Thankful (Lothrop) Hedge and the sister of John Hedge, the husband of Ebenezer's sister, Desire. Sarah married second, in Yarmouth 31 August 1743 Isaac Matthews,[5] by whom she had five more children named Isaac, born 29 May 1744, Hannah, born 2 May 1747, Barnabas, born 4 July 1749, Susannah, born 24 February 1753 (new style), and Mary, born 26 November 1756,[6] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Sarah died in Yarmouth 12 May 1761 in her 52d year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.[7]

Ebenezer Hawes was called "lately deceased" in his mother's will, dated 29 December 1741.[8] On 25 January 1741/2, widow Sarah Hawes was appointed guardian of her minor children to protect their rights in the estate of their paternal grandmother, Sarah Hawes. All five children were named.[9] The estate of Ebenezer Hawes, mariner, dec'd, was declared insolvent 12 February 1741.[10]

On 14 November 1744, Sarah and her second husband, Isaac Matthews, filed her account as the administratrix of the intestate estate of her first husband, Ebenezer Hawes, dec'd, Sarah being called "once Sarah Hawes." Isaac and Sarah (Hedge) (Hawes) Matthews agreed to pay 14 shillings 9 pence on the pound to the creditors of her late husband's estate.[11] On 1 December 17(?), the court accepted the account of Isaac Matthews, administrator on the remaining third part of the insolvent estate of Ebenezer Hawes, late of Yarmouth, dec'd, "which was set off to his widow as her dower."[12]

Children (Hawes), born in Yarmouth, Mass., baptized in the West Yarmouth Church, 4 March 1741/2:[13]

i. **Abigail**[6], born 16 September 1730.
ii. **Solomon**, born 22 July 1733.
iii. **Ebenezer**, born 16 August 1735.
iv. **Thankful**, born 13 June 1738.
v. **Desire**, born 12 April 1740.

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114. **Isaac Hawes**[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Chatham, Mass., 10 August 1707,[1] the son of Ebenezer and

Sarah (Norton) Hawes. He died in Yarmouth 4 August 1751, called "late of Boston."[2]

Isaac Hawes married in Gloucester, Mass., 14 November 1734 (intentions Yarmouth 20 October 1734) **Mary Sergeant**, Jr., of Cape Ann,[3] possibly the one baptized 16 February 1715/6, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Norwood) Sergeant.[4] The date and place of Mary's death has not been discovered.

In the division of his father's estate in 1733, Isaac Hawes received the west bedchamber of his father's dwelling house in Yarmouth, and one-third of the meadow at Chase's Garden, between Yarmouth and Dennis.[5] Isaac also received one share of his mother's estate in 1741.[6]

No probate records have been found for Isaac Hawes in either Boston or Barnstable.

Child (Hawes), born in Gloucester, Mass.:[7]

i. **Isaac**[6], born 21 September 1735.

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115. **Ruth Hawes**[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Chatham, Mass., 3 February 1708/9, the daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Norton) Hawes. Ruth died in Yarmouth, Mass., 3 May 1772, in her 63d year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.

Ruth Hawes married in Yarmouth 28 February 1727/8 her cousin, **Joseph Thacher**[4], who was born in Yarmouth 11 July 1699, the son of Col. John Thacher and his second wife, Lydia Gorham[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Joseph Thacher died in Yarmouth 17 June 1763.

[For the record of this family see #74, pages 133-34.]

116. **Benjamin Hawes**[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Chatham, Mass., 13 October 1710,[1] the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Norton) Hawes. He died probably in Boston, Mass., before 29 December 1741, the date of his mother's will.[2]

Benjamin Hawes was married in Boston, 25 August 1736, by the Rev. Mr. William Cooper, to **Hannah Paddock**,[3] (intentions say **Anna**), who was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 2 November 1718,[4] the daughter of Capt. John

Paddock and his wife, Rebecca Thacher. No record was found for the death of Hannah Paddock.

Benjamin Hawes was a mariner. He and his wife were listed as members of the Brattle Square Church in Boston, 2 January 1737.[5] He was alive in 1733 when the estate of his father, Ebenezer Hawes, was settled, but had died before his mother, Sarah Hawes, made her will, dated 29 December 1741, probated 11 February 1741/2, in which she mentioned her grandson, Benjamin Hawes, "son of my son Benjamin Hawes, dec'd," to whom she bequeathed one share of her estate.[6]

On 2 September 1762, Adino Paddock of Boston, Suffolk County, a coach and carriage maker, acting as attorney for Benjamin Hawes, son of Benjamin Hawes, dec'd, and grandson of Sarah Hawes, late of Yarmouth, widow, dec'd, recorded that he had received from Joseph Thacher, one of the executors, the legacy of £20 which Sarah had bequeathed to her grandson Benjamin Hawes, in her last will and testament.[7] Col. Adino Paddock was the younger brother of Benjamin Hawes's widow, Anna/Hannah Paddock. A wealthy Loyalist and merchant, Adino Paddock fled from Boston with the British during the Revolutionary War.[8]

No probate records were found in Suffolk County for Benjamin Hawes.

Child (Hawes), born in Boston, Mass.:[9]

i. **Benjamin**[6], baptized 18 March 1739, "died in Charleston, [S.C.], during the Revolution, leaving a widow and several children; coach maker and painter."[10]

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117. **Bayes Hawes**[5] (*Ebenezer*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Chatham, Mass., about 1714,[1] the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Norton) Hawes. He died in Barnstable, Mass., before 10 June 1785, the date his will was probated.[2]

Bayes Hawes married in Yarmouth, Mass., 1 July 1744 (intentions 2 June 1744) **Jean/Jane Lewis**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 28 April 1713,[4] the daughter of Jonathan and Patience (Look) Lewis. Jean/Jane died after 10 June 1784, the date she was named as an executor of her husband's will.[5]

On 8 January 1733, in the division of the estate of his father, Capt. Ebenezer Hawes, Bays Hawes was given land in Chase's Gardens and his father's shop in Yarmouth, with permission to remove it.[6] Bays was named as one of the executors of his mother's will dated 29 December 1741, probated 11 February 1741/2.[7]

Bayes and Jane Hawes may have lived for awhile on Martha's Vineyard,[8] but they were living in Barnstable when he made his will dated 10 June 1784, probated 10 June 1785, in which he gave his wife, Jane, one-third of his dwelling house, one-third of his lands, woodlots and meadows, and two-thirds of his indoor moveables, so long as she remained his widow. Jane also received one cow and one mulatto girl, Rhoda. Their son, Jacob Hawes, received the bed and furniture in his room, plus wearing apparel and 18 shillings. Son Jabez, "if in the land of the living," was bequeathed 20 shillings. Son Joshua received most of the land and outdoor movables, in addition to his sister Deborah's share at her marriage or decease. Deborah received, among other things, the bed and bedstead in the northwest room after her mother's decease. Bays Hawes signed his will with his mark. He named his wife Jane, and his son Joshua, as joint executors. Witnesses were David Thacher, Richard Lewis and Abigail Thacher.[9]

Children (Hawes), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[10]

i. **Jacob**[6], born 21 April 1745; served in the Revolutionary War.[11]
ii. **Deborah**, born 28 January 1746/7.
iii. **Jane**, born 17 July 1749, died 9 August 1749.
iv. **Bayes**, born 21 July 1750.
v. **Jane**, born 13 August 1752.
vi. **Jabez**, mentioned in father's will; served in the Revolutionary War.[12]
vii. **Joshua**, named executor of father's will.

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118. **Bethiah Hawes**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., in July 1701,[1] the daughter of Isaac and Bethiah (Howes) Hawes. She died in Chatham, Mass., after December 1763, the date of her intentions to marry her second husband.[2]

Bethiah Hawes married first, in Chatham, Mass., about 1721 **Maziah Harding,**[3] who was born in Chatham about 1693,[4] the son of Joseph and Dinah (Hedges) Harding. Maziah Harding died in Chatham 31 March 1760, in his 68th year, and was buried in the Old Burying Ground, Old Queen Anne Road, on the south side.[5]

Bethiah married second, in Chatham 26 December 1763 (intentions 3 December 1763), as his third wife, **Thomas Nickerson,**[6] who was born in Chatham 24 December 1696,[7] the son of Thomas and Mary (Bangs) Nickerson. Thomas Nickerson had married first, 1 May 1716 Lydia Covel, by whom he had six children, Desire, Thomas, Lydia, died young, Lydia again, Ansel and Prince, not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Thomas had married second, (intentions) 5 July 1751 Mrs. Sarah Crowell. He died after 1766.[8]

Maziah Harding was a member of the church in Chatham. He was called "of Chatham, husbandman, aged and under infirmity," when he signed his will 16 February 1760, probated 27 May 1760. In it he mentioned his wife Bethiah, and named their six sons, Silvanus, Joseph, Samuel, Thomas, Prince and Paul Harding, as well as four daughters, Desire Taylor, Bethiah Atwood, wife of Epharion [Ephraim] Atwood, Grace Newcomb, wife of Simeon Newcomb, and Susannah Atwood, wife of Timothy Atwood. Son Silvanus Harding was named executor. Witnesses were John Covel, John Hawes and James Eldredge.[9]

On 6 August 1760, Bethiah Harding was made the guardian of Paul and Prince Harding, minor sons of Maziah Harding, late of Chatham, dec'd.[10] The presence of John Hawes, the brother of Bethiah (Hawes) Harding, as one of the witnesses to Maziah Harding's will, connects this Bethiah Hawes securely to her parents, Isaac Hawes[4] and his wife, Bethiah (Howes) (Hawes) (Smith) Lord. Additional support is found in Smith's *History of Chatham*, which states that all of the Haweses of Chatham are descended from Isaac Hawes, not from his brother, Ebenezer.[11]

Children (**Harding**), all by her first husband, Maziah Harding, born in Chatham, Mass.:[12]

i. **Sylvanus**[6], born 18 May 1723.
ii. **Joseph**, born 21 February 1725.
iii. **Seth**, born 16 January 1727.
iv. **Desire**, born 24 April 1729.
v. **Bethiah**, born 22 March 1731.
vi. **Grace**, born 30 March 1733.
vii. **Samuel**, born 29 March 1736.
viii. **Thomas**, born 29 April 1738.
ix. **Prince**, born 20 July 1740.
x. **Paul**, named in father's will.

xi. **Susannah**, named in father's will.

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119. **Isaac Hawes**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., in April 1703,[1] the son of Isaac and Bethiah (Howes) Hawes. He died in Kent or Warren, Conn., in December 1785.[2]

Isaac Hawes married, probably in Chatham, Mass., **Hannah Tucker**,[3] perhaps the Hannah Tucker who was born in September 1714 and baptized in Harwich, Mass., 29 July 1716,[4], the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Mayo) Tucker. Hannah died in Warren, Conn., 2 February 1792, aged 77 years.[5] Hannah was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Stephen Hopkins.[6] Isaac and Hannah Hawes named a daughter "Eunice," perhaps for her sister, Eunice Tucker.

Sometime during the 1740s, Isaac took his family to the "Oblong," the disputed territory along the boundary of Connecticut and New York. He eventually settled in Kent, Conn.[7]

Isaac Hawes, called "late of Kent, Litchfield Probate District, County of Cornwall, Connecticut," died intestate. On 2 May 1786, Heman Swift and Isaac's son, Samuel Hawes, were appointed as the administrators of Isaac's estate. The division was presented to the court, 15 May 1786, and approved 28 September 1786. It stated, "We the subscribers, Hannah Haws, Widow to the Deceast, Isaac Haws, and Samuel Haws, sons . . . and Josiah Webb, Husband to Eunice Webb, daughter of the Deceast, and Asher Green, Husband to Susannah Green, . . . and Joseph Brown, Husband to Zibiah Brown, . . . these being the only surviving Heirs of the sd deceast, Isaac Hawes." Hannah Hawes signed her name as "Anor Hawes" and her sons and sons-in-law signed after her as Isaac Hawes, Samuel Hawes, Josiah Webb, Asher Green and Joseph Brown.[8]

Children (Hawes), from probate records, probably born in Connecticut:[9]

i. **Isaac**[6].
ii. **Eunice.**
iii. **Susannah.**
iv. **Zibiah.**
v. **Prince.**
vi. **Samuel**, born 15 October 1752.

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120. **Thankful Hawes**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., in March 1705,[1] the daughter of Isaac and Bethiah (Howes) Hawes. Thankful died after 1725.[2]

Thankful Hawes published her intentions of marriage in Chatham and Eastham, Mass., 6 March 1724/5 to **Moses Young,**[3] who was born in Eastham 15 November 1702,[4] the son of Henry and Sarah (Snow?) Young of Eastham. Moses Young died intestate before 24 September 1725, apparently without the marriage having taken place. His brother-in-law, Elkanah Paine of Truro, the husband of Moses Young's sister, Reliance, was the administrator of Moses Young's large estate. No widow or children were mentioned. His heirs were his mother, Sarah Young, "now Mrs. Jonathan Sparrow," and other heirs of his father, Henry Young, dec'd.[5]

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121. **John Hawes**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 22 January 1706/7,[1] the son of Isaac and Bethiah (Howes) Hawes. He died in Chatham, Mass., about 3 February 1779.[2]

John Hawes married in Chatham, Mass., about 1735 **Abigail Doane,**[3] who was born in Eastham, Mass., 28 March 1708,[4] the daughter of Thomas and Patience (Mulford) Doane. Abigail died in Chatham 22 January 1766,[5] in the great smallpox epidemic.

John Hawes was a member of the jury, a constable and a selectman for fourteen years in Chatham.[6] His wife, Abigail, was called "wife of John Hawes" by her father, Thomas Doane, in his will.[7]

On 7 July 1748, after the death of his mother, Bethiah (Howes) (Hawes) (Smith) Lord, John Hawes was named as the administrator of the estate of his father, Isaac Hawes, "now insolvent," from which his mother, "now also deceased," had received her dower in 1733. On 2 July 1751, the final account was presented and recorded.[8]

John Hawes died intestate. His son, John Hawes of Chatham, yeoman, was appointed as the administrator of his father's estate 10 June 1779. A

double portion went to the heirs of Thomas Hawes, eldest son "since also deceased." Anna Hunter of Chatham, Patience Hawes, Bethiah Taylor, widow, and Ruhamah Hawes, "daughters of said intestate," each received £11-5-8. In the settlement dated 9 October 1781, John Hawes was called "only surviving son."[9]

Children (**Hawes**), born in Chatham, Mass., first six recorded at the Chatham Town Hall:[10]

i. **Samuel**[6], born 7 February 1736/7, died 14 September 1739.
ii. **Anna**, born 6 August 1738.
iii. **Patience**, born 26 November 1740.
iv. **Bethiah**, born 7 September 1742.
v. **Thomas**, born 10 April 1744, died in 1779 or 1780. Thomas was a sea captain and is supposed to have married in the South and had issue there.
vi. **Ruhamah**, born 2 November 1747.
vii. **John**, born in 1752 or 1753; administrator of father's estate.

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122. **Jeremiah Hawes**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 5 April 1711,[1] the son of Isaac and Bethiah (Howes) Hawes. Jeremiah died possibly before 2 October 1746, the date his wife may have married a second husband.[2]

Jeremiah married in Eastham 8 August 1734 (intentions 19 July 1734) **Phebe Young** of Eastham, Mass.,[3] who was possibly the daughter of Jonathan and Deborah (Newcomb) Young.[4] Phebe may have been the "widow Phebe Haws" who married in Eastham, 8 January 1746/7 (intentions 2 October 1746) Jedediah Lumbart, both being called "of Eastham."[5]

Jeremiah Hawes was a seafaring man. On 3 February 1756 Jonathan Young of Eastham, yeoman, was made guardian of Jeremiah Hawes, minor son of Jeremiah Hawes, late of Eastham, deceased.[6]

Child (**Hawes**), born in Eastham, Mass.:[7]

i. **Jeremiah**[6], born about 1742; would have been 14 years of age when he chose his uncle to be his guardian in 1756.

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123. **Sarah Hawes**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Chatham, Mass., 31 May 1719,[1] the daughter of Isaac and Bethiah (Howes) Hawes. Sarah died in Haddam, Conn., 7 April 1788, at 68 years of age.[2]

Sarah Hawes married in Eastham, Mass., 29 September 1743 (intentions Eastham 19 February 1742/3, called "both of Eastham"), as his first wife, **Cornelius Higgins,**[3] who was born in Eastham 21 July 1722,[4] the son of Ebenezer and Abigail (Cole) Higgins. Cornelius Higgins married second, in Haddam 20 September 1788 Mary (Thomas) Smith, widow of Nathan Smith of Haddam.[5] Cornelius Higgins died in Haddam 14 October 1803, at 81 years of age.[6]

No real proof has been found to establish Sarah (Hawes) Higgins as the daughter of Isaac and Bethiah (Howes) Hawes except the statement of her birth date in a Bible, recorded in the *History of Chatham*, p. 247fn. The same information is given by the same author, William C. Smith, in *Library of Cape Cod* 36:32. However, Sarah Hawes seems to have been a valid member of this family because, as the youngest child, she was certainly born in Chatham, as stated in the Bible records, after her parents moved to Chatham about 1712, from Yarmouth, where the births of the earlier children were recorded. Sarah Hawes was called "of Eastham" when her intentions to marry Cornelius Higgins were published in Eastham, 19 February 1742, because she had moved there with her mother, Bethiah (Howes) (Hawes) Smith, who had married John Smith of Eastham 18 April 1741, as her second husband.[7] Therefore, circumstantial evidence clearly indicates that the Sarah Hawes of the Bible record, born in Chatham, was the same person as the Sarah Hawes who was "of Eastham" 19 February 1742/3 when she entered her intentions of marriage to Cornelius Higgins of Eastham.[8] Cornelius and Sarah (Hawes) Higgins named a daughter "Bethiah," apparently for her mother, Bethiah (Howes) (Hawes) (Smith) Lord, and they named a son "Hawes Higgins." But the surname "Hawes" also appears in the Higgins family and is therefore not satisfactory proof by itself.

This Higgins family moved from Eastham, Mass., to Haddam, Conn., between 1743 and 1747.[9] Cornelius Higgins served in the Revolutionary War as a captain.[10] He left a will dated 16 January 1800, probated 31 October 1803, in which he named his second wife, Mary, and all of his children by his first wife, Sarah Hawes.[11]

Children (**Higgins**), all mentioned in their father's will, last four baptized in the Haddam Congregational Church:[12]

i. **Cornelius**[6], born 22 July 1744.
ii. **Abigail**, born 25 February 1746.
iii. **Sarah**, born 19 April 1748.
iv. **Jerusha**, born 23 March 1750.
v. **Hawes**, born 10 April 1752.
vi. **Bethiah**, born 30 November 1754, bapt. 9 February 1755.
vii. **Ebenezer**, born 12 January 1757, bapt in March 1757.
viii. **David**, born 6 August 1761, bapt. in 1761.
ix. **Lydia**, born 16 November 1763, bapt. 1763.

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1. Sarah's birth date, said to have come from a family Bible, was published in the *Hist. of Chatham*, 247fn, and agrees with her age at death in Connecticut. 2. *Haddam Congregational Church, 100th Anniversary, Oct. 14 and 17* (1900) Catalogue of Members, #96, #97. 3. *MD* 29:14. 4. Ibid. 15:232. 5. *Haddam Cong. Ch.*, 308. 6. Ibid., #96. 7. *MD* 29:11. 8. Ibid. 29:14; Smith, *Hist. of Chatham*, 247fn. 9. David Dudley Field, *History of Haddam and East Haddam, Conn.*, 46; Katharine Chapin Higgins, *Richard Higgins and his Descendants* (Worcester 1918), 108; *Supplement*, 23. 10. *DAR Patriot Index*, 327. 11. Middletown, Conn., Prob. Dist. #1747 (Cornelius Higgins). 12. Ibid.; none of these children are in the Eastham vital records; last four are in *Haddam Cong. Ch. 100th Anniversary, Oct. 14 and 15, 1900*, 260, 261, 264, 265; all of them were mentioned in their father's will; Higgins, 108; *Supplement*, 23.

124. **Desire Hatch**[5] (*Desire Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Rochester, Mass., 3 February 1703,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Desire (Hawes) Hatch. She died possibly in Middletown, Conn., after 1748.[2]

Desire Hatch married in Truro 15 March 1721/2 **John Cooke**[3], who was born in Eastham, Mass., 9 April 1698,[4] the son of Josiah Cooke[5] (*Josiah*[4], *Deborah*[3] *Hopkins, Gyles*[2], *Stephen*[1]) and his wife, Mary. John Cooke died probably in Middletown, Conn., after 1748.[5]

Desire's grandfather, Samuel Hatch of Rochester, in his will dated 13 June 1728, named Desire and her brothers and sisters and gave them land in Rochester, Mass.[6]

Desire was called "wife of John Cooke of Middleton, Coneticut (*sic*), Husbandman," in Plymouth Court records in May 1748, the date she joined her brothers and sisters in their claim to land in Rochester which they had inherited from their grandfather, Samuel Hatch.[7] This Cooke family may have lived elsewhere and had children recorded earlier than those found in Provincetown records between 1728 and 1732. There is another gap between Jabez Cooke, born in 1732, and George Cooke, born in Middletown, Conn., in 1740, indicating that several more children may still remain to be located. John Cooke was called "husbandman" in the

Plymouth Court records in 1748, but Mary Walton Ferris, in *Gates and Allied Families* 2:505-6, states that John Cooke may have been a mariner because there are no land records in his name in Middletown. She also suggested that three more children, Jacob, Asenath and Jonathan, may possibly belong in this family.[8]

No probate records were found in Middletown for John and Desire Cooke.

Children (**Cooke**), first three recorded in Provincetown, Mass., last four recorded in Middletown, Conn.:[9]

i. **Mary**[6], born 27 April 1728.
ii. **John**, born 23 August 1730.
iii. **Jabez**, born 17 June 1732.
iv. **George**, born 5 September 1740.
v. **Hannah**, born 5 September 1742.
vi. **Desire**, born 8 March 1744.
vii. **Sarah**, born 30 December 1746.

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125. **Edmund Hatch**[5] (*Desire Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland*, *John*[1]) was born in Rochester, Mass., 10 July 1705,[1] the son of Josiah and Desire (Hawes) Hatch. He died in Marshfield, Mass., 16 October 1760.[2]

Edmund Hatch married probably in Yarmouth, Mass., before 14 June 1727 **Reliance Crowell**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 2 January 1699,[4] the daughter of John and Hannah Crowell. Reliance died in Marshfield 7 February 1772.[5]

No marriage record has been found for Edmund Hatch and Reliance Crowell but Reliance was called "Reliance Hatch" in the will of her father, John Crowell, husbandman, of South Sea, Yarmouth, dated 14 June 1727.[6] Edmund was mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Samuel Hatch, in 1728.[7] He was called "Scituate coaster" in court records dated May 1748, in which he joined his brothers and sisters in suing for land in Rochester that they had inherited from their grandfather, Samuel Hatch.[8]

In his will dated 19 September 1760, Edmund Hatch of Marshfield named his wife Reliance, his sons Edmund, Lemuel, Crowell and Noah Hatch, his daughters Elizabeth Lucas, Abigail Cooke and Bradbury Silvester, and his grandchildren Bradborough and William Hatch, children of his deceased son Jabez Hatch.[9]

Children (**Hatch**), baptized by the Rev. Atherton Wales at the Second Church of Christ, Marshfield, Mass.:[10]

i. **Jabez**[6], bapt. 30 August 1728.
ii. **Elizabeth**, bapt. 30 August 1728.
iii. **Abigail**, bapt. 26 June 1743.
iv. **Bradbury**, bapt. 26 June 1743.
v. **Edmund**, bapt. 26 June 1743.
vi. **Lemuel**, bapt. 26 June 1743.
vii. **Crowell**, bapt. 26 June 1743.
viii. **Prince**, bapt. 26 November 1746; not in father's will.
ix. **Noah**, named in father's will.

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126. **Zerviah Hatch**[5] (*Desire Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Rochester, Mass., 10 September 1707,[1] the daughter of Josiah and Desire (Hawes) Hatch. She died perhaps in Provincetown, Mass., before May 1748, the date her children filed a lawsuit in Plymouth, Mass.[2]

Zerviah Hatch married in Truro, Mass., 5 August 1724 **Joshua Cooke** of Provincetown,[3] called "both of Cape Cod." Joshua was born about 1702, but his parentage has not been documented. Joshua Cooke died after 1748, when he filed a lawsuit in the Plymouth County court.[4]

Zerviah Hatch was mentioned in the will of her grandfather Samuel Hatch, in 1728.[5] In the Plymouth County lawsuit dated May 1748, in which she was called deceased, her children and her husband filed a claim to her share in the property she had inherited from her grandfather, Samuel Hatch. Her children were identified as Josiah Cooke (Boston Mariner), Joshua Cooke, Jr., and Sarah Cooke, both of Plymouth, Elizabeth Cooke of Cambridge, and Martha Cooke of Boston, "Minors under the age of twenty one years who sue by Joshua Cooke of Provincetown, Whale Fisherman, their Father and next Friend."[6]

No probate records have been found in Barnstable, Plymouth or Suffolk Counties for this family.

Children (**Cooke**), born in Provincetown, Mass.:[7]

i. **Joshua**[6], "Jr.," born 10 June 1725; living in Plymouth in 1748.
ii. **Elnathan**, born 15 April 1727; not mentioned in lawsuit in 1748.

iii. **Elizabeth**, born 20 February 1729; living in Cambridge in 1748.
iv. **Martha**, born 1 June 1731; living in Boston in 1748.
v. **Josiah**, birth not recorded; living in Boston in 1748.
vi. **Sarah**, birth not recorded; living in Plymouth in 1748.

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127. **Jabez Hatch**[5] (*Desire Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Rochester, Mass., 21 May 1709,[1] the son of Josiah and Desire (Hawes) Hatch. He died in Boston, Mass., and was buried there 21 April 1763 in Trinity Church.[2]

Jabez Hatch married in Barnstable, Mass., 8 February 1730 **Mary Crocker**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 12 August 1714,[4] the daughter of William and Mary (Crocker) Crocker. She died in Boston and was buried in Trinity Church, 11 November 1785.[5]

On 21 April 1724, when Jabez Hatch was fifteen years old, he chose his uncle, Isaac Hatch of Scituate, Mass., as his guardian.[6] His grandfather, Samuel Hatch, mentioned Jabez in his will dated 13 June 1728, in which Jabez and his brothers and sisters were given land in Rochester.[7] In Plymouth Court records in May 1748, Jabez was identified as Jabez Hatch, Gent., of Boston, when he joined in the lawsuit brought by his brothers and sisters, as heirs of their grandfather, Samuel Hatch of Rochester. The suit was filed against Job Randel of Rochester, yeoman.[8]

Jabez Hatch, called "wharfinger," [wharf-owner], moved to Boston before 1740 and became a successful businessman, owning wharves at Windmill Point.[9] In his will dated 17 February 1763, probated 22 April 1763, Jabez divided his extensive estate among his wife, Mary, his sons, Jabez, Harris, Haws, William and Christopher Hatch, his daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth, Desire, Lucretia, Lydia, Hannah and Lucy Hatch, and Mary Weld, his son-in-law, Eleazer Weld, and his daughter-in-law, Deborah Hatch, "wife of my son Jabez." Executors were his son, Jabez Hatch, and son-in-law, Eleazer Weld. Witnesses were John Hill, William Coffin and Benjamin White.[10]

In his will Jabez Hatch stated that, when his wife died, "for avoiding controversys after my death," his children were to share equally in his estate. When the division was made on 28 July 1786, the estate was valued at £2,000. Shares worth £222-4-5½ were distributed to each of his children, named as Jabez Hatch (eldest son), Christopher Hatch and Haws Hatch, and daughters Mary Weld, Lucretia Hatch, Hannah Hatch, Lucy Hatch, Desire Bridgham and Lydia Hatch.[11]

Children (**Hatch**), born in Boston, Mass., last six baptized in Trinity Church:[12]

i. **Sarah**[6], born 2 June 1734, buried 24 July 1771, aged 37 years, unmarried.
ii. **Desire**, born 22 April 1736, died in December 1741.
iii. **Jabez**, born 17 February 1737/8.
iv. **Harris**, born 20 October 1740, died between 17 February 1763, the date he was mentioned in his father's will, and 28 July 1786, when his name was missing from the distribution of his father's estate after his mother's death.
v. **Mary**, born 15 October 1742.
vi. **Elizabeth**, born 15 February 1744, died between 17 February 1763, the date she was mentioned in her father's will, and 28 July 1786, when her name was missing from the distribution of her father's estate.
vii. **Desire**, born 25 August 1745.
viii. **Haws**, bapt. 15 February 1747.
ix. **William**, born 3 July 1748, mentioned in his father's will in 1763 but missing from the distribution in 1786.
x. **Christian**, bapt. 24 May 1750, died in August 1750.
xi. **Lucretia**, bapt. 26 July 1752.
xii. **Lydia**, bapt. 13 April 1754.
xiii. **Christopher**, bapt. 28 August 1755.
xiv. **Hannah**, bapt. 20 October 1756.
xv. **Lucy**, bapt. 17 December 1758.

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128. **Josiah Hatch**[5] (*Desire Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Rochester, Mass., about 1711,[1] the son of Josiah and Desire (Hawes) Hatch. He died in Pembroke, Mass., 16 September 1758, aged 47 years, called "husband of Marcy."[2]

Josiah Hatch "of Pembroke" married in Middleboro, Mass., 12 November 1730 **Mercy Redding** "of Middleboro,"[3] who was born in Middleboro 30 March 1708,[4] the daughter of Ebenezer and Mercy (Miller) Redding. Marcy died in Pembroke 19 September 1779, aged 71 years.[5]

On 23 October 1725, Josiah Hatch chose his uncle, Samuel Hatch, as his guardian, being called a minor under the age of twenty-one years and above fourteen years.[6] Josiah was also mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Samuel Hatch, in 1728.[7] He was called "Pembroke coaster" in court records in 1748.[8]

Perley Derby, in *Descendants of William Hatch of Scituate*, published in 1874, has confused this Josiah Hatch with his cousin, Josiah, son of Isaac Hatch, who was baptized in Scituate, 30 July 1722. That Josiah must have died young because his parents named another son "Josiah" who was baptized in Pembroke, 30 June 1739, and would have been too young to have been the "Josiah Hatch, Pembroke coaster," mentioned in Plymouth Court records in May 1748.

Josiah Hatch, mariner, died intestate. John Wadsworth, physician, of Duxbury, Mass., and widow Mercy Hatch of Pembroke, were appointed administrators. The inventory dated 15 and 21 November 1758, was taken by Daniel Lewis, Ichabod Bonney and Aaron Soul. It amounted to £433-11-2, with personal property worth £100-4-6 and real estate valued at £333-6-8. Listed claims presented 5 November 1759 amounted to £133-4-5. Mercy's dower was set off that same day. On 16 July 1760, Ichabod Wadsworth represented the estate to be insolvent. No children were mentioned, apparently because there was nothing left for them to inherit.[9]

Children (Hatch), born in Pembroke, Mass.:[10]

i. **Zephaniah**[6], born 11 December 1732.
ii. **Zilpha**, born 20 September 1735.
iii. **Mercy**, born 23 May 1746.

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129. **Mary Hatch**[5] (*Desire Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Rochester, Mass., about 1715,[1] the daughter of Josiah and Desire (Hawes) Hatch. She died in Rochester before 22 April 1762, the date of her second husband's remarriage.[2]

Mary Hatch, called "of Hanover," married first, in Hanover, Mass., (also recorded in Boston, Mass.), 4 November 1736 **John Polley**,[3] called "of Boston," who was born in Roxbury, Mass., 7 April 1711,[4] the son of John and Sarah (Williams) Polley. This marriage is proven by the court records of May 1748 which stated, "Mary Polley, then Mary Hatch and Sole but

since married to the said John Polley . . . (Dudley Housewright)."[5] John Polley died before 11 February 1750/1, the day on which the Town Meeting of Douglas, Mass., "voted not to allow the widow Polley's account."[6]

Mary married second, in Dudley (intentions) 6 April 1751, as his first wife, **Joshua Vinton,**[7] who was born in Woburn, Mass., 5 January 1722/3,[8] the son of John and Abigail (Converse) Vinton. Joshua married second, in Dudley 22 April 1762 widow Mehitable Edmunds, by whom he had Jabez, Susannah, Ebenezer, Patience and Lucretia Vinton, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[9] Joshua was voted a constable in Dudley in 1757.[10] He died in Dudley 26 October 1772.[11]

On 10 March 1757, John Polley, Mary's eldest son by her first husband, was called "a minor aged above fourteen years, son of John Polley, late of Dudley, housewright," when he chose Phineas Mixer, yeoman, as his guardian, with Jacob Chamberlain, Gent., and Joshua Vinton, yeoman, his step-father, signing as bondsmen.[12]

On 8 April 1774, in the voluminous probate records of the extensive estate of Mary's second husband, Joshua Vinton, Mary's son, Williams Polley, signed as guardian of his step-sister, Abigail Vinton. Mary's other daughter, Mary Vinton, was old enough to sign for herself. Four years later, on 28 November 1778, when widow Mehitable Vinton's dower was divided, Mary Vinton was called Mary Chamberlain, wife of Jacob Chamberlain, Jr., and Abigail Vinton was now Abigail Corbin, wife of Timothy Corbin.[13] Mary's son, Joshua Vinton, was not mentioned because he had died 13 October 1772.[14]

Children (**Polley**), by her first husband, John Polley, born in Dudley, Mass.:[15]

i. **John**^{6}, born before 10 March 1743.
ii. **Williams**, born 4 September 1744.
iii. **Josiah**, born 16 August 1746.
iv. **Joseph**, born 11 October 1748.

Children (**Vinton**), by her second husband, Joshua Vinton, born in Dudley, Mass.:[16]

v. **Mary**, born 29 December 1751.
vi. **Joshua**, born 5 September 1753.
vii. **Abigail**, born 18 August 1755.

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130. **Experience Hawes**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., 14 November 1706,[1] the daughter of Benjamin and Dorcas (Smith) Hawes. She died in Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., 19 September 1778.[2]

Experience Hawes married probably in Yarmouth, Mass., before 1725 **Shubael Claghorn,**[3] who was born in Barnstable, Mass., 20 September 1696,[4] the son of Shubael and Jane (Lovell) Claghorn. Shubael Claghorn died in Chilmark 14 January 1754.[5]

Experience's father, Benjamin Hawes, in his will probated 24 January 1722/3, gave Experience the great Bible that was his mother's.[6]

Shubael Claghorn was a mariner. He served as a private in Col. John Gorham's regiment during the Expedition to Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, in 1745.[7]

On 5 February 1754, Experience Claghorn of Chilmark, seamstress, was named as the administratrix of the estate of Shubael Claghorn, pilot, of Chilmark, deceased, recorded at Chilmark 8 February 1754. The inventory, totaling £51-19-11, was taken 18 March 1754 by Timothy Hillman, Jeremiah Mayhew and John Cottle.[8]

On 8 January 1755, recorded 22 June 1758, Thomas Smith, yeoman, of Tisbury, sold to Experience Claghorn, widow, 20 acres of land in Edgartown.[9]

Children (**Claghorn**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., and in Edgartown and Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard, Mass.:[10]

i. **Shubael**[6], born in 1725.
ii. **Jedidiah**, born in 1727.
iii. **Experience**, born in 1730.
iv. **Mary**, born in 1731.
v. **Hawes**, born in 1733.
vi. **Benjamin**, born in 1736.
vii. **Dorcas**, born in 1740.
viii. **Timothy**, born in 1743.
ix. **Elizabeth**, born 1 August 1746.
x. **George**, born 6 July 1748.
xi. **James**, born 25 June 1751.

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131. **Jedidah Hawes**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., 30 July 1709,[1] the daughter of Benjamin and Dorcas (Smith) Hawes. She died in Dartmouth, Mass., 22 December 1764, in her 56th year, called "wife of Jabez."[2]

Jedidah Hawes married, probably in Dartmouth, about 1726 **Jabez Sherman,**[3] who was born 3 November 1700,[4] the son of Philip Sherman of Dartmouth. Jabez Sherman died in Dartmouth 30 June 1774, in his 74th year.[5]

Jedidah Hawes was mentioned by her father, Benjamin Hawes, in his will probated 24 January 1722/3.[6] Jedidah's husband, Jabez Sherman, served as a lieutenant in the British navy.[7] In his will dated 15 June 1774, probated 8 August 1774, he named his loving sons Fortunatus, Henry, Benjamin and Jabez Sherman, and his daughters Deborah Hathersay, Experience Tallman and Jedidah Hathersay. The remainder of his estate was divided equally among his other four sons Prince, Abijah, Elihu and Isaac. Son Fortunatus Sherman was named as executor. The witnesses were Jonathan Shearman, Paul Shearman and Bartho. Taber.[8]

Children (**Sherman**), born in Dartmouth, Mass.:[9]

i. **Fortunatus**[6], born 24 September 1728.
ii. **Henry**, born 28 September 1730.
iii. **Deborah**, born 25 July 1732.
iv. **Benjamin**, born 11 February 1734/5.
v. **Experience**, born in 1735/6.
vi. **Prince**, born 11 January 1737/8.
vii. **Jabez**, born 20 July 1740.
viii. **Abishai**, born 22 July 1742.
ix. **Elihu**, born 10 January 1745/6.
x. **Isaac**, born 19 October 1747.
xi. **Jedidah**, born 23 May 1750.

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132. **Benjamin Hawes**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., 25 April 1712,[1] the son of Benjamin and Dorcas (Smith) Hawes. He died before 20 September 1768, the date his will was probated.[2]

Benjamin Hawes married in Boston, Mass., 10 September 1741 **Sarah Salter**,[3] who died after 20 September 1768,[4] the date her husband's will was recorded.

Benjamin Hawes's father, Benjamin Hawes of Edgartown, in his will probated 24 January 1722/3, gave Benjamin land in Chappaquiddick, his silver-headed cane and his seal ring.[5] On 14 February 1731/2, after his mother's death as the widow of John Worth, Benjamin Hawes, called "Esq., of Edgartown," was named as the administrator de bonis non for the remainder of his father's estate.[6]

On 15 May 1738, Benjamin's brother, Samuel Haws (*sic*) "of Dartmouth," sold to Benjamin Haws, "of Edgartown, mariner," part of the dwelling in Edgartown near the Harbor, which formerly belonged to their father, Benjamin Haws, Esq., dec'd. Samuel Hawes's wife, Elizabeth, released her dower rights. This was acknowledged and entered 29 May 1738.[7]

Benjamin Hawes moved to Boston after 1738.[8] On 22 September 1748 Benjamin Hawes, "mariner, of Boston," with his wife, Sarah, releasing her dower rights, mortgaged to Eleazer Flagg, innholder of Boston, all of his rights on Chappaquiddick and all other rights in the estate of his father, Benjamin Haws, deceased, "either in Edgartown or any other part of the province," in return for a loan of £75. Witnesses were Thomas Pemberton and Richard Codman. This was acknowledged in the Suffolk County Court, Boston, 22 September 1748 by Benjamin and Sarah Hawes before John Fairweather, Justice of the Peace. It was entered 27 August 1768.[9]

In his will dated 17 August 1742, proved 20 September 1768, Benjamin Hawes, mariner, gave all of his real estate in Edgartown and on the Island of Chappaquiddick, Martha's Vineyard, and all of his personal estate to his dearly beloved wife Sarah, who was named sole executrix. No children were mentioned. Witnesses were Nathaniel Oliver, John Walley and Katherine Walley.[10]

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133. **Samuel Hawes**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., 25 February 1717/8,[1] the son of Benjamin and Dorcas (Smith) Hawes. He died in Dartmouth, Mass., after 14 September 1765, the date he sold land in Edgartown.[2]

Samuel Hawes married in Dartmouth 13 January 1736/7 **Elizabeth Jenney**,[3] who was born in Dartmouth 16 June 1716,[4] the daughter of Lettice and Desire (Blackwell) Jenney. Elizabeth died after 4 May 1758, the date her step-mother paid Elizabeth's husband, Samuel Hawes, money due Elizabeth from the estate of her father, Lettice Jenny.[5]

Samuel's father, Benjamin Hawes, in his will probated 24 January 1722/3, gave Samuel land on Chappaquiddick.[6] On 14 June 1737, "Samuel Hawes of Dartmouth, Bristol County, house carpenter," sold to Enoch Coffin, Esq., of Edgartown "land on Chappaquiddick which derived to me from my honrd father Benjamin Haws (*sic*), late of sd Edgartown, dec'd." Samuel's wife, Elizabeth, released her dower.[7] On 15 May 1738 "Samuel Hawes, house carpenter, of Dartmouth," sold to his brother, Benjamin Hawes of Edgartown, mariner, part of the dwelling in Edgartown near the harbor which formerly belonged to "our Honourd father, Benjamin Haws, Esq., decd." This was acknowledged and entered 19 May 1738.[8] On 6 October 1743, Samuel Hawes of Dartmouth, housewright, with his wife, Elizabeth releasing her dower, sold to John Sumner, Gent., of Edgartown, rights in Chappaquiddick received from his father, Benjamin Hawes. This was entered 22 February 1758.[9] On 14 September 1765 Samuel Haws (*sic*), carpenter, and his brother, Shubael Haws, husbandman, both of Dartmouth, sold to Ephraim Pease and Abraham Prebel, both mariners, land in Edgartown which was the houselot of their father, Benjamin Haws, Esq., dec'd.[10]

No probate records have been found in Bristol County for Samuel Hawes.

Children (Hawes), born and baptized in Dartmouth, Mass.:[11]

i. **Shubael**[6], born 7 July 1737, bapt. 24 May 1752.
ii. **Dorcas**, born 22 April 1739, bapt. 22 May 1752.
iii. **Jedidah**, born 7 June 1744.
iv. **Elizabeth**, born 17 July 1746, bapt. 24 May 1752.
v. **Benjamin**, born 1 August 1753.

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134. **Shubael Hawes**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., 22 December 1722,[1] posthumously, the son of Benjamin and Dorcas (Smith) Hawes. He died in Dartmouth, Mass., 1 May 1781.[2]

Shubael Hawes married in Dartmouth (intentions) 18 July 1760 **Elnathan Wrightington,**[3] called "both of Dartmouth." Elnathan's birth date and parentage have not been ascertained. Elnathan apparently died before her husband, for she was not among the heirs listed in his intestate probate records.[4]

Shubael Hawes was the "unborn child" mentioned by his father, Benjamin Hawes, in his will probated 24 January 1722/3. As a son, he inherited land in Edgartown when he became of legal age.[5]

Shubael Hawes moved to Newport, R.I., before 23 September 1746, the date he was called "Shubael Hawes of Newport, cordwainer," when he sold land on Chappaquiddick which he had received from his father, to Enoch Coffin, Esq. of Edgartown. This was entered 28 October 1746.[6] On 14 September 1765, Shubael Haws (*sic*), husbandman, with his brother Samuel Haws, carpenter, of Dartmouth, Bristol Co., sold to Ephraim Pease and Abraham Prebel, both mariners of Edgartown, "land which was the houselot of their father, Benjamin Haws, Esq., of Edgartown." This was entered 22 March 1766.[7]

Shubael Hawes, "late of Dartmouth," died intestate 1 May 1781. His estate was appraised in New Bedford 16 November 1789, and recorded in Bristol 4 June 1792. His children listed in the division of his estate were his eldest son Benjamin, who was given two full shares, his eldest daughter Mary, his second son John, his second daughter Jedidah, his third daughter Elizabeth, his third son Shubael, and his youngest son Elnathan.[8]

On 1 May 1781 Benjamin Dillingham was named as the guardian of "Elnathan Haws, Shubael Haws and Elizabeth Haws, minors under 14 years, children of Shubael Haws, late of Dartmouth." On the same date, Benjamin Dillingham was also chosen as the guardian of "Mary and Benjamin Haws, children of Shubael Haws of Dartmouth, dec'd.," showing that Mary and Benjamin were between 14 and 21 years of age.[9]

Children (Hawes), probably born in Dartmouth, Mass.:[10]

i. **Benjamin**[6], born about 1761, called "eldest son" in probate records.
ii. **Mary**, called "eldest daughter" in probate records.
iii. **John**, called "second son."
iv. **Jedidah**, called "second daughter."
v. **Elizabeth**, born after 1777; called "third daughter"; under 14 years of age in guardianship records dated May 1791.
vi. **Shubael**, called "third son"; under 14 years of age in May 1791.
vii. **Elnathan**, called "youngest son"; under 14 years of age in May 1791.

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135. **Thankful Sproat**[5] (*Experience Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Scituate, Mass., 28 November 1705 and baptized there 22 July 1711,[1] the daughter of Ebenezer and Experience (Hawes) Sproat. She died in Middleboro, Mass., 19 February 1788 at 83 years of age, called "Widow Thankful Haskell."[2]

Thankful Sproat married first, in Middleboro 18 November 1724 **Joseph Bennet,**[3] who was born in Middleboro 16 November 1704,[4] the son of Peter Bennet and his wife, Priscilla[3] Howland (*Isaac*[2], *John*[1]). Joseph Bennett died in Middleboro 3 January 1741/2, in his 38th year, called "Lt. Joseph, son of Capt. Peter."[5] He was buried in the Old Cemetery at the Green.

Thankful married second, in Middleboro 9 October 1758 **Seth Sampson,**[6] who was born in Plympton, Mass., 22 December 1697,[7] the son of George and Elizabeth (Sprague) Sampson, a descendant of Abraham Sampson, not of *Mayflower* passenger Henry Sampson. Seth Sampson had married first, 19 March 1723/4 Ruth Barrows, by whom he had Jemima, Keziah, Betty, Abner, Isaacher and Seth. Seth Sampson died in Middleboro 17 May 1770.[8]

Thankful married third, in Middleboro 14 October 1772 (intentions Rochester, Mass., 13 September 1772) **Joseph Haskell**[9], probably the Joseph Haskell, Esq., who died in Rochester 6 December 1774, in his 83rd year.[10]

Thankful was called "Thankful Bennet" by her father, Lt. Ebenezer Sproat, in his will dated 8 September 1726.[11]

Letters of administration on the estate of her first husband, Joseph Bennet, late of Middleborough, yeoman, were issued to widow Thankful Bennet in Plymouth, Mass., 3 January 1741. The inventory, which amounted to £1208-0-6, was presented 9 April 1742 by John Bennet, Samuel Wood and Jacob Thompson. It was attested to by Thankful Bennet 20 May 1742.[12]

Thankful's second husband, Seth Sampson, in his will dated 30 January 1770, probated 17 May 1770, mentioned his beloved wife, Thankful, who was given one-third of his moveable estate in addition to what she had brought with her at their marriage. He also listed his children by his first wife, named as Jemima, wife of Lemuel Jackson, Keziah, wife of Jedediah Wood, and Betty, wife of Gideon Hackett, and his sons, Abner and Seth, and his grandson, Issachar Samson, "son of my son Issacher."[13] The Rev.

Isaac Backus, the first Baptist minister in Middleboro, mentioned these people in his *Diary*.

No probate records have been found for Thankful's third husband, Joseph Haskell.

Children (**Bennet**), all by her first husband, Joseph Bennet, born in Middleboro, Mass.:[14]

i. **Lucia/Lucy**[6], born 2 October 1725.
ii. **William**, born 9 June 1727, died 20 August 1727.
iii. **Priscilla**, born 19 May 1729, died 16 May 1745, aged 15 years.[15]
iv. **Elizabeth**, born 2 July 1731.
v. **John**, born 7 February 1733/4.
vi. **Samuel**, born 26 March 1736.
vi. **Joseph**, born 20 September 1737, died 19 November 1737, aged 1 month 29 days.[16]

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136. **Abigail Sproat**[5] (*Experience Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Scituate, Mass., 15 September 1709 and baptized there 22 July 1711,[1] the daughter of Ebenezer and Experience (Hawes) Sproat. She died in Milton, Mass., 12 February 1784.[2]

Abigail Sproat married in Middleboro, Mass., 11 December 1729 **John Wadsworth,**[3] who was born in Milton 6 August 1703,[4] the son of John and Elizabeth (Vose) Wadsworth. John Wadsworth died in Milton 15 June 1766, at 63 years of age.[5]

The Rev. John Wadsworth graduated from Harvard College in 1723.[6] He was ordained as the minister of the church in Canterbury, Conn., 17 September 1728, and was dismissed from the church in Milton, Mass., 24 August 1729.[7] He and his family also lived in Palmer, Mass., and in Coos, New Hampshire.[8]

On 27 June 1766 Abigail Wadsworth was named as the administratrix of the estate of her husband, John Wadsworth of Milton, gentleman. Division of the estate was made among his five daughters, at Milton, 13 July 1770, "the widow having first relinquished upon consideration." The

daughters were named as Elizabeth Wadsworth, Ruth, wife of Andrew Adams, Mary Wadsworth, Lucy, wife of Lewis Miller, and Hannah, wife of Nathaniel Daniell. The division was recorded in Milton, 14 April 1769, by Jeremiah Tucker, William Babcock and Joseph How, and was approved in Boston, 13 July 1770.[9]

Children (**Wadsworth**), first six born in Canterbury, Conn., last born in Milton, Mass.:[10]

i. **John**[5], born 31 July 1731, died in Milton 27 May 1752.[11]
ii. **Elizabeth**, born 18 October 1733.
iii. **Abigail**, born 18 April 173[?], died in Milton 18 January 1763.
iv. **Ruth**, born 28 May 1737.
v. **Mary**, born 28 June 1742 (*sic*).
vi. **Lucy**, born 4 February 1742/3.
vii. **Hannah**, born 21 March 1744/5.

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137. **Mary Sproat**[5] (*Experience Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Scituate, Mass., 14 August 1715 [corrected from 1716],[1] the daughter of Ebenezer and Experience (Hawes) Sproat. She died in Middleboro, Mass., 25 January 1777.[2]

Mary Sproat married first, in Middleboro 1 April 1731 **Thomas Holmes**,[3] who was born in Plymouth, Mass., 7 January 1708/9,[4] the son of John and Experience Holmes of Middleboro. Thomas Holmes died before 20 December 1733, the date his will was probated.[5]

Mary married second, in Middleboro 29 January 1735/6 **Josiah Wood**[4,6] who was born in Middleboro 18 June 1710,[7] the son of Ephraim Wood and his wife, Susannah[3] Howland (*Isaac*[2], *John*[1]). Josiah Wood died probably in Middleboro before December 1768, the date his intestate estate was entered for probate.[8]

Mary's first husband, Thomas Holmes, in his will dated 8 September 1733, proved 20 December 1733, mentioned his wife Mary, and his daughter Experience. To his wife, who was named as the executrix, Thomas gave land he had received from his brother, Benjamin Holmes, and a meadow he had bought from James Cobb, as well as all of his

moveable estate. The inventory, which amounted to £612-0-0, was taken by John Bennet and Francis Miller, 20 February 1733/4, and was accepted by the court 5 March 1733/4. Debts amounted to £101-10-1. His daughter, Experience Holmes, was given the homestead and land her father had bought from David Miller, and the buildings on it.[9]

On 21 May 1735, the guardianship of Experience Holmes, daughter of Thomas Holmes, dec'd, under 14 years of age, was granted to Joseph Bennet, Jr. On 20 July 1742, her guardianship was given to Nehemiah Bennet, yeoman, of Middleboro.[10]

Mary and her second husband, Josiah Wood, lived in Rochester where four of their children were born before they returned to Middleboro in 1744. Their son, Josiah Wood, [Jr.], was appointed administrator of the estate of his father, Josiah Wood, blacksmith, on 13 December 1768 with Josiah Wood, [Jr.], also a blacksmith, and Ephraim Wood, labourer, giving their bond of £100.[11]

In the same month, December 1768, in the Plymouth Court of Common Pleas, Josiah Wood of Middleborough blacksmith, was sued for debt. "Mary Wood, administratrix on the estate of the said Josiah Wood, deceased, was admitted to defend" these actions.[12] The estate was found to be insolvent 7 May 1769.[13]

No probate records were found for Mary Wood in Plymouth County.

Child (**Holmes**), by her first husband, Thomas Holmes, born in Middleboro, Mass.:[14]

i. **Experience**[6], born 12 February 1731/2.

Children (**Wood**), by her second husband, Josiah Wood, first four born in Rochester, Mass., last three born in Middleboro, Mass.:[15]

ii. **Isaac**[6-5], born 17 August 1736, died young.
iii. **Susannah**, born about 1738.
iv. **Josiah**, born 18 December 1740.
v. **Ephraim**, born 10 July 1744.
vi. **Sproat**, born 30 May 1747.
vii. **Mary**, born 25 October 1749.
viii. **Robert**, born 25 February 1753.

Note #1: No proof has been found for a son named Consider Wood, born in 1760, whose line has been accepted by the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Two DAR records say that he was born in *Marlborough*, Mass.[16] Two others say that he was born in Middlebury, Mass.,[17] and a another gives no place of birth for him.[18] All of them give the same Revolutionary War service records.

Note #2: The Susannah Wood who died in Middleboro, 22 March 1758 in her 21st year, was the daughter of Samuel and Joannah Wood, not the daughter of Josiah and Mary (Sproat) (Holmes) Wood, as stated in the *Wood Index*.[19]

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138. **Ebenezer Sproat**[5] (*Experience Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Scituate, Mass., about 1717 and was baptized in Middleboro, Mass., 21 May 1727 (a minor in 1732).[1] Ebenezer was the son of Ebenezer and Experience (Hawes) Sproat. He died in Middleboro 23 May 1786, in his 69th year, called "Esq."[2]

Ebenezer Sproat married in Middleboro 8 June 1749 **Bathsheba Wood**,[3] who was born in Middleboro 19 June 1724,[4] the daughter of Ephraim Wood and his second wife, Patience (Nichols) Holmes. Bathsheba died in Middleboro 28 June 1798 in her 75th year, called "wid. of Col. Ebenezer Sprout (*sic*)."[5]

Ebenezer was named as his "eldest son" by his father, Ebenezer Sproat, gentleman, in his will dated 8 September 1726.[6] On 28 September 1732, Ebenezer Sproat, as a minor under the age of twenty-one, chose his stepfather, Francis Miller, as his guardian.[7] On 14 February 1742, Ebenezer became a member of the First Church of Middleboro.[8]

In his will dated 4 August 1785, proved 6 March 1786, Ebenezer Sproat of Middleboro named his wife Bathsheba, his sons Ebenezer, Earl, Thomas, James and Samuel, and his daughters Mary, wife of William Torrey, and Bathsheba, wife of Cyrus Keith.[9]

Children (Sproat), born in Middleboro, Mass.:[10]

i. **Mary**[6], born 1 May 1750.
ii. **Ebenezer**, born 9 February 1752; served in the Revolutionary War.[11]
iii. **Bathsheba**, born 11 July 1754.
iv. **Thomas**, born 1 October 1756; served in the Revolutionary War.[12]
v. **James**, born 7 December 1758.

vi. **Abigail**, born 31 October 1761, died 19 January 1763, aged 1 year 2 months 21 days.
vii. **Samuel**, born 9 December 1763.
viii. **Earl**, born 2 May 1768.

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139. **James Sproat[5]** (*Experience Hawes[4], Desire Gorham[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) was born in Scituate, Mass., 11 April 1722,[1] the son of Ebenezer and Experience (Hawes) Sproat. He died in Philadelphia, Pa., of yellow fever, 18 October 1793, and was buried in the Second Presbyterian Church Burying Ground, "In the 73 year of his age & 51 of his Ministry."[2]

James Sproat married in 1744 **Sarah Smith**,[3] who was born in the Manor of St. George, Mastic, Long Island, N.Y., 25 March 1722,[4] the daughter of Major William Henry Smith and his wife, Hannah (Sayre) Cooper. Sarah died of yellow fever in Philadelphia, soon after her husband, and was buried 15 November 1793.[5]

James was mentioned by his father, Ebenezer Sproat, in his will dated 8 September 1726.[6] On 28 September 1732, his step-father, Francis Miller, was appointed as his guardian, since he was a minor under fourteen years of age. On 21 May 1735, being in his fourteenth year, he chose his brother-in-law, Joseph Bennet, as his guardian.[7] James became a member of the First Church of Middleboro, 16 August 1741.[8]

James Sproat graduated from Yale College in 1743 and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in Guilford, Conn., 23 August 1743, serving there until 1768. He then moved to Philadelphia where he served the Second Presbyterian Church from 1769 until his death. During the Revolution he served as the chaplain for the Pennsylvania Line Regiments at the Military Hospital in Philadelphia.[9]

The Rev. Dr. James Sproat died of yellow fever during the epidemic in October 1793. He had made his will 18 November 1775, eighteen years before his death. In it he named his wife, Sarah, and his surviving children, Hannah, Olive, William, Sarah, John and Ann Sproat. His wife was to receive one-third of his real and personal estate, with the remainder to be divided among his six children named above. The will was sworn to 11 (or 18) December 1793, two months after James's death. Son

William, who had been named joint executor, died of yellow fever one week before his father. James's widow, Sarah, the joint executrix, and their daughter, Ann, died several weeks after James. Because both of the executors named in the will had died, letters of administration, "C.T.A.," (with will annexed), were issued to their son, John Sproat, "of Philadelphia, merchant," their daughter, Olive Sproat, and their son-in-law, Joseph Spencer, "of Philadelphia, merchant," who were appointed as joint administrators by the court. Also mentioned were Samuel Williams "of City, Mariner," and William Montgomery. The estate was appraised at £6000, and included four houses and certificates. The account was signed by Jno. Sproat, Olive Sproat and Joseph Spencer, as administrators. The distribution of £1520-4-3½ was made "according to the will" to each of the heirs who were named as I[saac] S. Keith, [husband of daughter Hannah Sproat]; J[ohn] Sproat; S[arah] Spencer, [wife of Lt. Joseph Spencer], O[live] Sproat and the guardian [of] James Sproat, minor [son of Col. William Sproat, dec.] The distribution was signed by Olive Sproat and Joseph Spencer, "surviving administrators of the Estate of Dr. James Sproat."[10]

Before the distribution of the estate, Olive Sproat and Sarah Spencer, the daughters of James and Sarah (Smith) Sproat, signed a petition in the Philadelphia County Orphans Court, dated 16 December 1793, concerning the guardianship of their nephew, James Sproat, "infant son of Col. [William] Sproat."[11]

Children (**Sproat**), born in Guilford, Conn., and baptized in the Fourth Church of Guilford:[12]

i. **Sarah**[6], born 23 May 1746, bapt. 29 June 1746, died 24 December 1746.
ii. **Samuel James**, born 16 December 1747 (*sic*), bapt. 22 November 1747, died 30 July 1751.
iii. **Hannah**, born 25 June 1749 (*sic*), bapt. 25 June 1749.
iv. **James Samuel**, born 20 December 1750, bapt. 23 December 1750, died 11 August 1751.
v. **Olive**, born 25 August 1752 (old style), 7 Sept. 1752 (new style), bapt. 30 August 1752 (old style).
vi. **Nancy**, born 1 October 1754, bapt. 5 October 1754, died 1 March 1756.
vii. **Mary**, birth date not given, (twin?), died 6 September 1756.
viii. **William**, born 6 October 1756, bapt. 10 October 1756; served as a Major in the Revolution.[13]
ix. **Clarissa**, born 10 July 1758, bapt. 16 July 1758 (twin), died 5 September 1759; called "Charles" in town birth records.
x. **Sarah**, born 10 July 1758 (twin), died young.

xi. **Sarah**, born 21 October 1760, bapt. as **Ruth**, 26 October 1760.

xii. **John**, bapt. 8 August 1762.

xiii. **Ann**, born "Mond. before 6th Day," bapt. 12 May 1764; not recorded in town records; living 18 November 1775, when her father made his will; not mentioned in the distribution of her father's estate, 18 December 1793.

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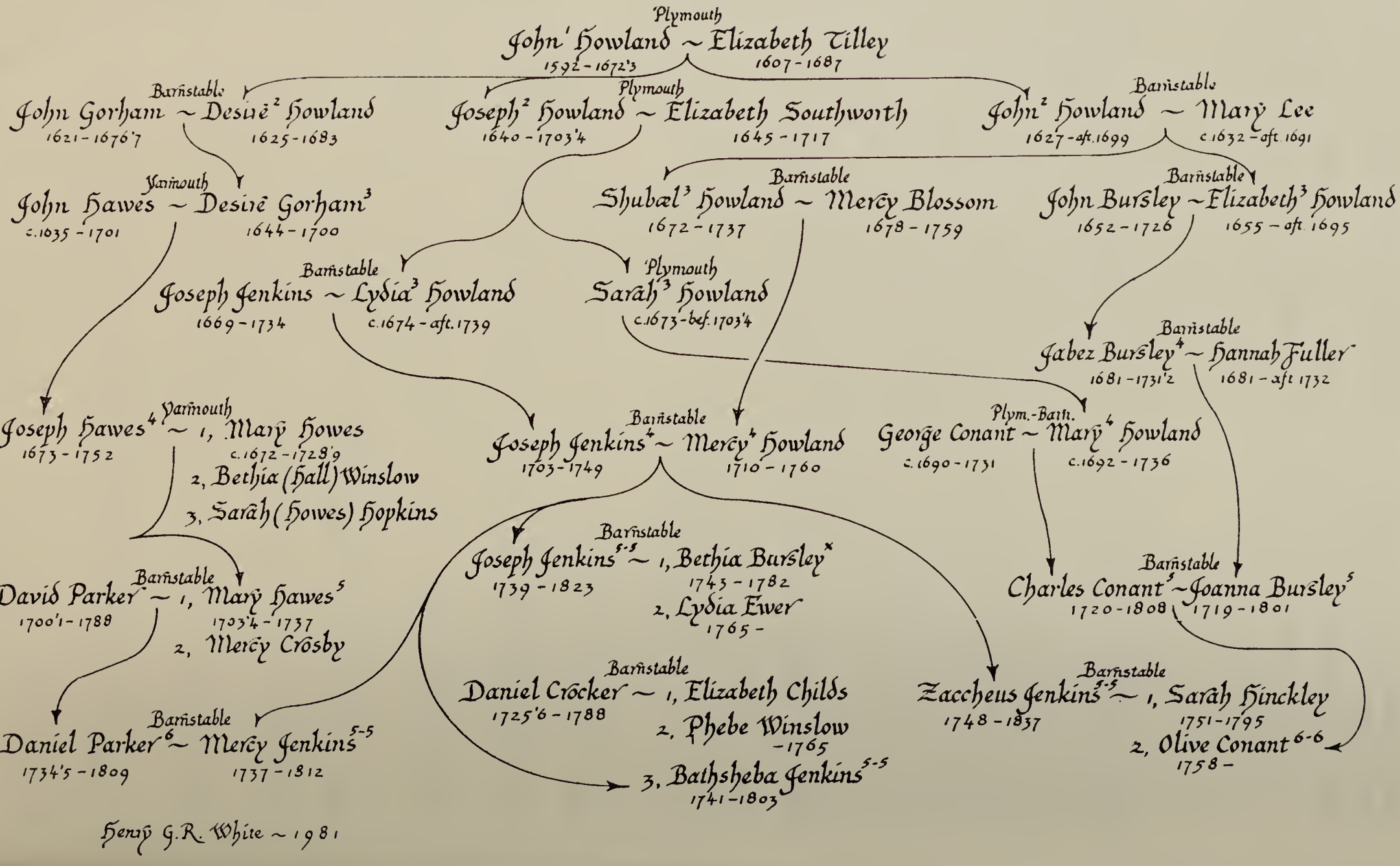
Three Howland Lines of Barnstable, Mass.



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16. The Grandchildren of Temperance Gorham[3]

140. **John Sturgis**[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 6 November 1704[1] the son of Samuel and Mercy (Howes) Sturgis. He died in Barnstable, Mass., 10 August 1759, in his 55th year and was buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable.[2]

John Sturgis was called "merchant" when he married first, in Barnstable 5 September 1728 (intentions 29 June 1728) **Abigail Allen,**[3] who was born 20 May 1710 or 1711,[4] the daughter of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Russell) Allen. Abigail died in Barnstable 10 December 1752, in her 42d year, and was buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery.[5]

John Sturgis, Esq., married second, in Barnstable 9 May 1754, as her third husband, his cousin, **Mehitable (Davis**[6]**) (Hersey) Russell,**[6] who was born in Barnstable 10 August 1717,[7] the daughter of Capt. John Davis and his wife, Mehitable Dimmock[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Mehitable had married first Dr. James Hersey, by whom she had one son, Ezekiel Hersey. She had married second John Russell by whom she had one son, John Russell. She had two children by her third marriage to John Sturgis. She married fourth, 7 July 1761 Daniel Davis by whom she had another son, Daniel Davis. Mehitable died in Barnstable 10 November 1803, in her 87th year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery there.[8] [See #145:vi, page 223, and #266, pages 358-59.]

John Sturgis graduated from Harvard in 1723 and became an attorney.[9] In his will dated 27 June 1758, probated 21 September 1759, he mentioned his wife, Mehitable, her two minor sons, Ezekiel Hersey and John Russell, his own three youngest children, Hannah, Sarah and John Sturgis, his married daughter, Rebecca Otis, and his eldest son Samuel Sturgis. Wife Mehitable was named executrix. The inventory of the testate portion of his estate was taken 30 July 1760 and amounted to £274-0-1. After the widow's one-third part was set off to her, the intestate part of the woodlands and meadows was divided between his eldest son, Samuel, who received four-fifths, and his daughter, Sarah, who received one-fifth, since son John, had died. Witnesses were Edmond Hawes, Thankful Dimmock and Lucy Davis.[10]

On 4 March 1760, son-in-law Joseph Otis, Esq., was appointed guardian of Hannah Sturgis, "a minor daughter of John Sturgis, late of Barnstable,

Esq.," then 20 years of age.[11] The following 1 July 1760, Oris Bacon of Barnstable, Gent., was appointed guardian of Sarah Sturgis, a minor daughter of John Sturgis, Esq.[12]

Children (**Sturgis**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:
By his first wife, Abigail Allen:[13]

i. **Samuel**[6], born 18 March 1729/30; called "Junr." in Barnstable records. It was this Samuel Sturgis, not his uncle of the same name, who married first, 18 November 1754 Olive Allen, and second, 24 January 1757 Abigail Carpenter and had two children.[14]
ii. **John**, born 18 February 1731, died 25 March 1752, aged 21 years; Harvard graduate; buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery.
iii. **Rebekah**, born 12 May 1735.
iv. **Abigail**, born 1 October 1737 (*sic*), died 21 October 1737, aged 3 weeks; buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery.
v. **Ebenezer**, born 3 February 1738 (*sic*), died 12 January 1740, aged 1 year 11 months 8 days; buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery.
vi. **Abigail**, born 4 September 1740, died 23 September 1740, aged 19 days; buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery.
vii. **Hannah**, born 9 March 1741 (*sic*); married Richard Bourne[5-5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Sylvanus Bourne*[4], *Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #295, pages 390-91.]
viii. **Abigail**, born 28 November 1752, died 28 May 1753, aged 6 months; buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery.

By his second wife, Mehitable (Davis) (Hersey) Russell:[15]

ix. **Sarah**[6-7], born 17 April 1755.
x. **John**, bapt. 19 March 1758, died 12 April 1759, aged 13 months 6 days; buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery.

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141. **Samuel Sturgis**[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 28 October 1706[1] the son of Samuel and Mercy (Howes) Sturgis. He died in Boston, Mass., 8 July 1767.[2]

Samuel Sturgis was married in Boston by the Rev. William Cooper, 17 September 1734 to **Lucretia Wendell,**[3] who was baptized in New York, N.Y., 18 July 1714,[4] the daughter of Abraham and Katarina (De Key) Wendell of Boston.

Many sources state erroneously that Samuel Sturgis[5] had two more wives.[6] Actually, it was this Samuel's nephew, Samuel Sturgis[6], called "Junr.," the son of his brother, John Sturgis[5], who married first, in Barnstable 28 November 1754 Olive Allen,[7] who was born in Barnstable 18 December 1735,[8] the daughter of James and Susannah (Lewis) Allen. After Olive's early death and still called "Mr. Samuel Sturgis, Junr.," this nephew married second, in Barnstable 24 January 1757 Abigail Carpenter,[9] who was born in Woodstock, Conn., 6 January 1733/4, the daughter of Eliphalet and Abigail (Parker) (Bacon) Carpenter. Abigail died in Barnstable 9 February 1795, aged 63 years. Her father, Eliphalet Carpenter, mentioned her in his will dated 16 March 1760.[10] The two children born to "Samuel Sturgis, Junr., and Abigail, his second wife," named John and Lucretia,[11] have also been given erroneously to the Samuel Sturgis under discussion here. Nephew Samuel Sturgis, "Junr.," died before 30 July 1762, the date on which Joseph Otis, young Samuel's brother-in-law, and Abigail Sturgis, his widow, probated his estate.[12]

The Samuel Sturgis who married Lucretia Wendell was mentioned by his brother, Thomas Sturgis, in his will dated 28 March 1739. Many printed sources are wrong in saying that this Samuel Sturgis died in Barnstable in 1762. Actually, there were three other men named Samuel Sturgis who died there in 1762. Our Samuel was not the Samuel Sturgis, goldsmith, whose estate was administered by Cornelius Crocker, 7 September 1762. The goldsmith was Capt. Samuel Sturgis, "3rd," who married 3 April 1760 Lydia Crocker, who was born in Barnstable 14 April 1739, daughter of Cornelius Crocker. According to the *Crocker Genealogy*, this Capt. Samuel Sturgis died in August 1762, aged 25 years.[13]

Another Samuel Sturgis died in Barnstable 26 January 1762, "in his 86th year," and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable, next to his wife, Mary Oris. His age and the name of his wife prove that he was not our Samuel Sturgis. The inventory for his estate was presented 6 April 1762 with Stephen Davis and Oris Bacon as appraisers. Nathaniel Sturgis was the executor.[14]

The third Samuel Sturgis to die in 1762 was our Samuel's nephew, Samuel Sturgis, "Junr.," mentioned above, whose brother-in-law, Joseph Otis, and widow, Abigail Sturgis, administered his estate.[15]

The Samuel Sturgis studied here graduated from Harvard College in 1725.[16] He received land in Crow's Purchase from his father, one-half to him and one-half to his brother Thomas.[17] In 1735 Samuel was appointed as notary public for the port of Barnstable. The same year he was made a member of the House of Representatives from Yarmouth. His wife, Lucretia Wendell, was a member of a prominent Boston family. Their first daughter, Mercy, was baptized in the Brattle Street Church 10 August 1735. Their two younger children died in infancy and were buried in Yarmouth, Mass. Samuel was a wealthy merchant and shipowner, He moved to Boston in 1741 but kept a home in Barnstable where his wife died in 1752.[18]

In his will dated 17 June 1767 and presented for probate in the Suffolk County Courthouse, 16 July 1767, Samuel Sturgis of Boston, Esq., ordered that his warehouse in Butler's Row, Boston, be sold, as well as land in Gorham Town, County of Cumberland, with their after-rights, and two lots in the east end of Yarmouth and partly in Harwich, in the County of Barnstable. His executors were instructed to retain £100, the interest to be used to support his brother, Prince Sturgis, "whom it has pleased God in His Providence to deprive of his reason." After Prince's death, the remainder was to be divided equally among the children of his three brothers, John, Thomas and Prince Sturgis, and the four children of his late sister, Hannah Quincy, as follows: one-third part of his personal and real estate was bequeathed to Edmund Quincy, 3rd, Samuel Quincy, Josiah Quincy, Junr., and Hannah, wife of Dr. Bela Lincoln, children of his late sister, Hannah Quincy, deceased, late wife of Josiah Quincy of Braintree, Esq.; one-third to the children or representatives of his late brother John Sturgis, late of Barnstable, deceased; unto Mary, wife of [——] McAlpine, daughter and only child of his brother, Thomas Sturgis, deceased, one full sixth part; and unto Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Savage, Esq., of Falmouth, daughter and only child of his brother Prince Sturgis. Deacon Timothy Newell, Melatiah Bourne and Samuel Quincy, Esq., all of Boston, were named as executors. Witnesses were Richard Lurcom, William Breed and William Flagg.[19]

The seven pages of inventory, valued at £812-14-7, were taken in July 1767 and presented to the court 28 August 1767. Separate final accounts were filed by Melatiah Bourne and Samuel Quincy, dated 9 December 1774.[20]

Children (**Sturgis**), first child baptized in the Brattle Street Church, Boston, Mass., last two buried in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth, Mass.:[21]

i. **Mercy**[6], bapt. 10 August 1735; not mentioned in father's will.

ii. **Abraham**, born 23 October 1736, died 18 January 1736/7, aged 2 months 26 days.
iii. **Lucretia**, born 20 November 1737, died 3 February 1737/8, aged 2 months 13 days.

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142. **Thomas Sturgis**[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 25 November 1709,[1] the son of Samuel and Mercy (Howes) Sturgis. He died in Yarmouth 5 April 1739 in his 30th year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.[2]

Thomas Sturgis married (intentions) in Yarmouth 27 February 1735 **Rebecca Norton**,[3] who was born in 1713,[4] the daughter of Samuel and Content (Coggeshall) Norton of Chilmark, Mass. Rebecca married second, Solomon Townsend of Newport, R.I.[5] Rebecca died after 12 March 1760, the date her daughter gave her mother a receipt for her inheritance.[6]

Thomas Sturgis was a merchant in Yarmouth. In his will dated 28 March 1739, probated 25 April 1739, Thomas Sturgis, shopkeeper, bequeathed to his well-beloved wife Rebecca, the use and improvement of all of his real estate in Yarmouth, and half of his personal estate, in lieu of her third or right of dower. He gave the Rev. Thomas Smith £20. He gave the remainder of his estate, including his clock and silver tankard, to his "only" child, Marcy Sturgis. If she did not survive her mother, this bequest was to be divided one-half to his wife "forever," and the other half divided among his brothers John, Samuel and Prince Sturgis, and his sister, Hannah Quincy. His brother John Sturgis, his friend John Hedge, and his wife Rebecca, were named executors. Witnesses were Joseph Hamblin, Bayes Hawes and Elizabeth Bassett. The inventory amounted to £2819-1-10, in addition to a legacy from the estate of his father, Samuel Sturgis, Esq., dec., not yet received, and the sum unknown [£640-1-1].[7]

In September 1750 Rebecca and her second husband, Solomon Townsend, "the said Rebecca [being] guardian to Mercy Sturgis, a minor

daughter to Thomas Sturgis, late of Yarmouth, shop-keeper, deceased," asked the Barnstable court for an allowance of £164-3-0. On 15 July 1754, "the said Mercy being very weakly," Solomon and Rebecca Townsend appeared and made oath to the account.[8] On 12 March 1760, Mercy Sturgis of Newport, R.I., singlewoman, daughter of Thomas Sturgis, late of Yarmouth," signed a receipt for all of her inheritance.[9]

When Thomas Sturgis's brother, Samuel Sturgis, died in Boston, 8 July 1767, he made a bequest to "Mary (*sic*), wife of [blank] McAlpine, daughter and only child of my Brother Thomas Sturgis, deceased."[10]

Children (**Sturgis**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[11]

i. **Prince**[6], born 5 August 1737, died 8 June 1738, aged 10 months 3 days.
ii. **Mercy**, born 21 January 1738.

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143. **Hannah Sturgis**[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 1 January 1711,[1] the daughter of Samuel and Mercy (Howes) Sturgis. She died 9 August 1755, at 43 years of age, probably in Braintree, Mass.[2]

Hannah Sturgis married in Yarmouth 11 January 1732/3 **Josiah Quincy**,[3] who was born in Braintree 1 April 1710,[4] the son of Edmund and Dorothy (Flint) Quincy. He married second, in Braintree 19 February 1756 Elizabeth Waldron, daughter of the Rev. William Waldron, by whom he had a daughter, Elizabeth. He was called Col. Quincy when he married third, 11 July 1762 Ann Marsh, daughter of the Rev. Joseph and Ann (Fiske) Marsh, by whom he had a daughter, Nancy.[5] Daughters Elizabeth and Nancy were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Josiah Quincy died in Braintree 11 March 1784.[6]

Hannah was named as Hannah Quincy by her father, Samuel Sturgis, in his will dated 29 June 1736, in which he gave Hannah £1000.[7] Josiah Quincy graduated from Harvard College in 1728. He was a merchant in Boston with connections in London, Amsterdam, Paris and Cadiz. He later built factories in Braintree to manufacture glass and candles. In 1753 he was chosen as moderator in Braintree and was a member of the House of Representatives. In 1762 he became colonel of the Third Suf-

folk Regiment. Both Josiah Quincy and his son, Josiah, were ardent patriots, although son Samuel Quincy was a loyalist. Son Josiah Quincy died unexpectedly in April 1775, after returning from London. The senior Josiah Quincy was a friend of Washington and Benjamin Franklin.[8]

In his will dated 23 March 1781, with a codicil dated 17 February 1784, probated 30 March 1784, Josiah Quincy mentioned his third wife, Ann, his son Samuel Quincy, who was overseas for the duration of the Revolutionary War, his daughter Hannah, wife of Ebenezer Storer, Esq., his daughters Elizabeth and Nancy Quincy, and daughters-in-law Hannah and Abigail Quincy. The distribution mentioned the widow's annuity, daughter Hannah, wife of Ebenezer Storer, Esq., daughter Nancy Quincy, and granddaughter Hannah, wife of Aaron Hall.[9]

Children (**Quincy**), recorded in Braintree, Mass.:[10]

i. **Edmund**[6], born 1 October 1733.
ii. **Samuel**, born 13 April 1735.
iii. **Hannah**, born 11 September 1736.
iv. **Josiah**, born 23 February 1744.

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144. **Prince Sturgis**[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 11 September 1715,[1] the son of Samuel and Mercy (Howes) Sturgis. He died after 17 June 1767 when he was mentioned in the will of his brother, Samuel Sturgis.[2]

Prince Sturgis married in Boston, Mass., 12 October 1738 **Elizabeth Fayerweather,**[3] who was probably born in Boston about 1718,[4] the daughter of John and Jerusha (Gross) Fayerweather of Boston. Elizabeth probably died before 11 September 1760, the date her father, John Fayerweather of Boston, made his will dated 11 September 1760, proved 1 October 1760, in which he mentioned his beloved granddaughter, Elizabeth Sturgis, but did not mention his daughter Elizabeth.[5]

No probate records for Prince Sturgis were found in Barnstable County although, in addition to £3000, he received more property in Yarmouth from his father than his brothers and sister. Prince was named in the

wills of his father, Samuel Sturgis, and of his brother, Thomas Sturgis, 28 March 1739.[6] In his will dated 17 June 1767, his brother, Samuel Sturgis, Esq., left £100 for the support of Prince Sturgis, non compos mentis, and mentioned that Prince had one living child, Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Savage, Jr., Esq., of Falmouth.[7] "Bette Sturgis" was mentioned in an accounting by John Fayerweather, dated 9 December 1745.[8] Elizabeth Sturgis, daughter of Prince and Elizabeth (Fayerweather) Sturgis, married in Boston 19 November 1761 Arthur Savage, Jr., of Falmouth, who was born in Boston in 1731, and died in England, 21 March 1801.[9] Arthur Savage was a merchant and collector of customs in Falmouth, now Portland, Maine. He was a Loyalist during the Revolution and took his family to England. In a letter dated Knightsbridge, London, 24 August 1781, written to Thomas Fayerweather in Boston, Arthur Savage mentioned his daughter, Faith, and the death of his wife, Elizabeth, from measles on 21 March 1781. Elizabeth and Arthur Savage had five children, including Faith, who left descendants in England.[10]

Child (**Sturgis**), baptized in the Brattle Street Church, Boston:[11]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], bapt. 29 December 1761.

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145. **Mehitable Dimmock**[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., in October 1686,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Desire (Sturgis) Dimmock. She died in Barnstable in May 1775, at 89 years of age.[2]

Mehitable Dimmock married in Barnstable 13 August 1705 **John Davis**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 2 September 1681,[4] the son of Josiah and Ann (Taylor) Davis. John Davis died in Barnstable before 23 January 1739, the date Mehitable was granted letters of administration on his estate.[5]

Mehitable was admitted to the East Precinct Church in Barnstable, from the Yarmouth Church, 13 February 1725/6.[6]

Mehitable's husband, John Davis, Esq., was a captain and Justice of the Peace.[7] He died intestate. Letters of administration were granted to his widow, Mehitable, 23 January 1739. The inventory was recorded 28 February 1739. The appraisers were John Sturgis, James Otis and Jonathan Davis. The widow's dower thirds included land on Sandy Neck which was set off to her 12 March 1739. On 11 June 1740, the remainder of the estate was divided among the heirs of the eldest son, Thomas Davis, deceased, sons John Davis, William Davis and Solomon Davis, and daughter Mehitable Davis.[8] On 25 March 1743, court records show that the deceased son, Thomas Davis, owed his father's estate £95-3, old tenor, which was the balance due after credit for several whaling voyages.[9]

Children (Davis), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

i. **Thomas**[6], born 1 October 1706, married Susannah Sturgis,[11] daughter of Edward Sturgis and sister of Abigail Sturgis who married David Gorham. [See #264, pages 355-57.] Susannah married, second, Elisha Gray.
ii. **John**, born 8 September 1708, married first, Abigail Allen; married second, Anna Allen who married, second, Hezekiah Gorham. [See #208, pages 284-85.]
iii. **Solomon**, born 5 April 1711, died 18 July 1712.
iv. **William**, born 10 April 1713, died 4 July 1714.
v. **Solomon**, born 24 June 1715.
vi. **Mehitable**, born 10 August 1717.
vii. **William**, born 29 August 1719.
viii. **Josiah**, born 19 February 1722; not mentioned in settlement of father's estate.
ix. **Isaac**, born 3 August 1724, died 28 October 1724 (twin).
x. **Jesse**, born 3 August 1724, died 23 August 1724 (twin).
xi. **Isaac**, born 1 March 1726, died 2 November 1727.

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146. **Temperance Dimmock**[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., in June 1689,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Desire (Sturgis) Dimmock. She died in Brewster, Mass., 29 September 1773, aged 85 years.[2]

Temperance Dimmock married in Barnstable 2 June 1709 **Benjamin Freeman**[6] of Harwich, Mass.,[3] who was born in Eastham, Mass., 17 March (or July?) 1685,[4] the son of John and Sarah (Merrick) Freeman, a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Elder William Brewster. Benjamin died in Harwich 14 March 1758.[5]

Benjamin Freeman's father, John Freeman of Harwich, Mass., in his will dated 22 April 1721, gave Benjamin and his brothers, Nathaniel and John Freeman, land that formerly had belonged to his deceased brother, Thomas Freeman.[6]

Benjamin and Temperance Freeman were members of the church in Harwich in 1723, when Benjamin bought a pew.[7] Benjamin Freeman, Gentleman, in his will dated 25 November 1757, probated 4 April 1758, mentioned his beloved wife, Temperance, his two sons, Benjamin and John Freeman, and six daughters, Desire Parker, Rebecca Parker, Temperance Foster, Sarah Remick, Fear Sears and Mehitable Fessenden. He named his son Benjamin Freeman as sole executor.[8]

Children (**Freeman**), born in Harwich, Mass.:[9]

i. **Desire**[6], born 20 April 1711.
ii. **Rebecca**, born 27 March 1713.
iii. **Temperance**, born in October 1715.
iv. **Benjamin**, born 10 January 1717/8.
v. **Sarah**, born 11 March 1719/20.
vi. **Fear**, born 23 March 1721/2.
vii. **Isaac**, born 4 April 1725, died 28 December 1726.[10]
viii. **Isaac**, born 26 March 1727, died 21 November 1728.[11]
ix. **John**, born 29 July 1729.
x. **Mehitable**, born 4 November 1731.

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147. **Edward Dimmock**[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 5 July 1692,[1] the son of Thomas and Desire (Sturgis) Dimmock. He died at Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, 28 May 1745.[2]

Edward Dimmock married about 1720 a wife named **Hannah**,[3] who has not been identified. Hannah was born between 1700 and 1704, and died in Barnstable 13 October 1755, at more than 50 years of age.[4]

Edward's wife, Hannah Dimmock, was admitted into membership in the East Precinct Church in Barnstable 25 July 1725.[5] Edward was a lieutenant in the militia and later a captain. He died at the Battle of Louisbourg in 1745.[6]

Edward Dimmock, Gentleman, died intestate. The administration of his estate was granted to his widow, Hannah Dimmock, 6 October 1745, and the inventory of his estate, amounting to £1193-7-0 in real estate and £1000-0-0 in personal property, was taken by Robert Davis, Gershom Davis and Ebenezer Bacon, and recorded 14 November 1745.[7] On 17 October 1752, Hannah Dimock (*sic*) of Barnstable, widow, was appointed as guardian of Mary Dimock and Edward Dimock, minor daughter and son of Capt. Edward Dimock, Gent., dec'd.[8] Hannah's dower and the division of the estate, dated 25 October 1752, listed the heirs as Samuel Anable, Jr., and his wife, Desire, Thomas Edgry and his wife, Anna, Mary Dimmock, Thomas Dimmock and Edward Dimmock.[9] On 15 December 1760, the division of the third part of the real estate which had been set off to the widow, "which is since deceased," was made to the minor son, Edward Dimmock, to Mrs. Anna Agrey (*sic*), wife of Thomas Agrey, "for her 6th part," to Mary Dimmock, to Thomas Dimmock, and to Desire Annable.[10] Thomas Dimmock of Barnstable, mariner, was appointed guardian of Edward Dimmock, minor son of Edward Dimmock of Barnstable, dec'd, 17 April 1759.[11]

Children (**Dimmock**), born and baptized in Barnstable, Mass.:[12]

i. **Anna**[6], born 23 November 1721.
ii. **Thomas**, bapt. 25 July 1725, died young.
iii. **Edward**, bapt. 17 March 1726, died young.
iv. **Thomas**, born 16 March 1727.
v. **Desire**, born 6 August 1730.
vi. **Mary**, born between 1732 and 1738; a minor in 1752 but not in 1759.
vii. **Edward**, born between 1740 and 1742; a minor in 1760.

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148. **Thomas Dimmock**[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 25 December 1694,[1] the

son of Thomas and Desire (Sturgis) Dimmock. He died in Cuba, in the King's service, in 1741.[2]

Thomas Dimmock married in Mansfield, Conn., 9 November 1720 **Anne Mason**,[3] who was probably born in Windham, Conn., in 1704,[4] the daughter of Hezekiah and Anna (Bingham) Mason. Anne died in Mansfield 9 July 1769.[5]

In Mansfield records Thomas was called "Ensign Thomas Dimmock." He died on the ill-fated Expedition to Cuba in 1741.[6] In his will dated 22 July 1740, proved 11 November 1742, Thomas Dimmock "of Mansfield" mentioned his dearly beloved wife, Anne, who was given one third part of his estate. The eldest son, Jesse, was given "one-quarter part more of the whole in equal division" than the other children, who were named as Anne, Thomas, Desire, Lott, Seth and Hezekiah Dimmock. His wife Anne, and Shuleh(?) Conant were named "sole executor." The witnesses were Josiah Conant, Malachi Conant and Mrs. Ruth Conant. The final settlement was made in 1744.[7]

Children (**Dimmock**), born in Mansfield, Conn.:[8]

i. **Silas**[6], bapt. 19 March 1721, died 31 December 1721.
ii. **Silas**, born 3 October 1722, died 6 October 1722.
iii. **Thomas**, born 25 October 1723, died 25 November 1726.
iv. **Jesse**, born 6 February 1725/6.
v. **Anna**, born 22 February 1727/8.
vi. **Thomas**, bapt. 12 April 1730.
vii. **Desire**, born 23 January 1732/3.
viii. **Lott**, born 14 February 1733/4.
ix. **Seth**, born 1 June 1736, died 4 July 1748.
x. **Hezekiah**, born 3 December 1739.

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149. **Desire Dimmock**[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., in February 1696, the daughter of Thomas and Desire (Sturgis) Dimmock. Desire died in Barnstable 28 January 1731/2, in her 30th (*sic*) year.

Desire Dimmock married in Barnstable 4 December 1719 **Job Gorham**[4], who was born in Barnstable 30 August 1692, the son of John Gorham[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Mary Otis. Job Gorham married second, in Fairfield, Conn., 24 November 1735 (intentions Barnstable 19

October 1735) **Bethiah (Sturgis[5]) Freeman**, daughter of James Sturgis[4] (*Temperance Gorham[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) and widow of Isaac Freeman, by whom he had one more child. [See #157, pages 233-34.] Job Gorham died in Barnstable before 2 November 1762, the date his will was probated. Bethiah (Sturgis) (Freeman) Gorham died in Barnstable 11 July 1769, at the age of 73 years.

[For the record of this family see #48, pages 92-93.]

150. **Abigail Thacher**[5] (*Desire [Sturgis[4]] Dimmock, Temperance Gorham[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 2 November 1699,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Sturgis) (Dimmock) Thacher. She died in Yarmouth, Mass., 18 September 1768, in her 68th year.[2]

Abigail Thacher married in Yarmouth 11 October 1722 **Joseph Hallett,**[3] who was probably born in Yarmouth about 1690,[4] the son of John and Mary (Howes) Hallett. Joseph Hallett died in Yarmouth 19 September 1735.[5]

Abigail was called "Abigail Hallett" by her father, John Thacher, in his will dated 27 May 1763.[6]

Joseph Hallett of Yarmouth, yeoman, died intestate. On 23 October 1735 his widow, Abigail Hallett, was appointed as the administratrix of his estate. The inventory was accepted by the court 11 November 1735.[7]

Children (**Hallett**), first born in Barnstable, Mass., rest born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[8]

i. **Roland**[6], born 17 August 1723, died 30 July 1727, aged 4 years.[9]
ii. **Joseph**, born 25 June 1725.
iii. **Abigail**, born 15 June 1727, married Samuel Gorham[5] (*Josiah[4], Joseph[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*). [See #307, pages 407-8.]
iv. **Hannah**, born 28 October 1729, married Josiah Gorham[5] (*Josiah[4], Joseph[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*). [See #309, pages 408-9.]
v. **Eunice**, born 8 January 1731/2.
vi. **Elizabeth**, born 25 April 1734.

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151. **Elizabeth Thacher**[5] (*Desire [Sturgis[4]] Dimmock, Temperance Gorham[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 17 June

1701,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Sturgis) (Dimmock) Thacher. She died in Barnstable 14 September 1733, aged 32 years, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.[2]

Elizabeth Thacher married in Barnstable about 1723 **Jonathan Davis,**[3] who was born in Barnstable about 1698,[4] the son of Josiah and Ann (Taylor) Davis. Jonathan Davis married second, in Barnstable 24 April 1735 Susannah Allyn,[5] daughter of James and Susannah (Lewis) Allyn, and had five more children, Elizabeth, who died young, Susannah, Elizabeth, Anna and Jonathan Davis, died young, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[6] Jonathan Davis died in Barnstable 2 December 1782, at 83 years of age.[7]

Elizabeth was called "Elizabeth Davis, (Mrs. Jonathan)," when she was admitted to membership in the East Precinct Church 30 May 1725. Capt. Jonathan Davis was admitted 10 September 1727.[8] He was a sea captain.[9] In his will dated 22 November 1782, probated in January 1788, Jonathan mentioned his son-in-law, William Belford and his wife, Ann, and his daughter, Elizabeth Humphries. William Belford was named sole executor.[10] These were Jonathan's children by his second wife, Susannah Allyn. Elizabeth Thacher did not have any surviving children.

Children (**Davis**), born in Barnstable, Mass., all buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable:[11]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 14 October 1724, died 31 October 1724, aged 17 days.
ii. **Jonathan,** born in 1726/7, died 7 November 1729, in his 3rd year.
iii. **Elizabeth,** born 9 November 1729, died 28 November 1729, aged 19 days.

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152. **John Thacher**[5] (*Desire [Sturgis*[4]*] Dimmock, Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 25 June 1703,[1] the son of John and Desire (Sturgis) (Dimmock) Thacher. He died in Barnstable 13 September 1783, in his 81st year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.[2]

John Thacher married in Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., 28 November 1734 (intentions, Barnstable 2 November 1734) **Content Norton,**[3] who was born in Chilmark in 1714,[4] the daughter of Samuel and Content

(Coggeshall) Norton. Content died in Barnstable 20 March 1773, in her 60th year and was buried in the Cobb's Hill Burying Ground.[5]

John Thacher was admitted to the East Precinct Church in Barnstable 30 October 1725.[6] He was a farmer and cooper in Barnstable, and was called "yeoman."[7] In his will dated 9 May 1779, probated 24 November 1783, he gave his son Jethro Thacher, his cooper shop, cooper's tools, and land where the shop stood, as well as his negro girl and his desk. He also mentioned his sons John and James, his married daughters, Elizabeth Stevens, Abigail Gray and Desire Gorham, and his unmarried daughters Content, Rebecca and Mary Thacher. Later another daughter, Fear Goodin, was added. Son Jethro was named as sole executor of the estate whose value on 14 January 1794 was £182-5-10¼. The witnesses were William Taylor, Ben Cobb and John Sturgis.[8]

Many of John Thacher's children moved to Lee, Mass., and died there.[9]

Children (**Thacher**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 29 February 1735/6.
ii. **Abigail**, born 20 March 1738.
iii. **Content**, born 6 September 1740.
iv. **Rebecca**, born 7 August 1742.
v. **Desire**, born 18 July 1745.
vi. **Jethro**, born 16 January 1747.
vii. **Fear**, born 1 February 1748.
viii. **John**, born 29 December 1751.
ix. **James**, born 14 February 1754.
x. **Mary**, born 16 March 1757.
xi. **Samuel**, born 29 May 1759, died aged 2 years 24 days.

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153. **Lot Thacher**[5] (*Desire [Sturgis*[4]*] Dimmock, Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 23 May 1705,[1] the son of John and Desire (Sturgis) (Dimmock) Thacher. He drowned in Cape Cod Bay 16 December 1732.[2]

Lot Thacher married in Pembroke, Mass., 23 October 1730 (intentions 29 September 1730) **Rebecca Keen**,[3] who was born in Pembroke 1 De-

cember 1709,[4] the daughter of John and Rebecca (Barker) Keen. Rebecca married second, as his second wife, in Barnstable, Mass., 18 October 1738 Joseph Smith,[5] son of Samuel and Bathsheba (Lothrop) Smith of Eastham, Mass., by whom she had three more children, Joseph, Rebecca and Judith Smith,[6] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland but were descended from *Mayflower* passenger Stephen Hopkins. Rebecca died in Eastham in 1777.[7]

Lot Thacher was a mariner. He was drowned "coming from Cape Cod."[8] No probate or guardianship records were found for Lot Thacher or his children. Lot's father, John Thacher, Esq., in his will dated 27 May 1763, gave "to the children of my grandson Lot Thacher, dec'd, 6 shillings each as they arrive to 21 years of age . . . to my granddaughter-in-law Martha Thacher 6 shillings per year from my decease while she is Lot's widow."[9]

Children (**Thacher**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

i. **Mary**[6], born 29 May 1731.
ii. **Lot**, born 19 February 1731/2.

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154. **Fear Thacher**[5] (*Desire [Sturgis*[4]*] Dimmock, Temperance Gorham*[3]*, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 28 March 1707,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Sturgis) (Dimmock) Thacher. She died in Barnstable 14 November 1758, in her 51st year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable.[2]

Fear Thacher married in Barnstable 19 February 1735/6 (intentions 30 January 1735) **Nathaniel Lewis**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 12 January 1707/8,[4] the son of Ebenezer and Anna (Lothrop) Lewis. Nathaniel Lewis died in Barnstable 7 July 1751, in his 44th year and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery in Barnstable.[5]

Nathaniel Lewis was admitted to membership in the East Precinct Church of Barnstable 1 May 1740.[6] He died intestate. The administration of his estate was given to his widow, Fear Lewis, 6 August 1751.[7] Fear was appointed as the guardian of her three younger children, Hannah, Nathaniel and Abigail Lewis.[8] On 10 March 1759, Edward Bacon was appointed as guardian for Nathaniel Lewis, minor son, and for Hannah Lewis, minor daughter of Nathaniel Lewis of Barnstable, deceased.[9] Fear's father, John Thacher, in his will dated 27 May 1762, mentioned "the children of my daughter Fear Lewis, dec."[10] The chil-

dren's paternal grandfather, Ebenezer Lewis, left land to these grandchildren, which was sold, Nathaniel receiving two-thirds of the proceeds, and the three granddaughters receiving the remaining part divided among them. In the account of the children's guardian, Edward Bacon, Esq., the minor children were listed as Nathaniel, Abigail and Hannah Lewis. An older sister, Elizabeth Penfield, joined in the sale of the land.[11]

Children (**Lewis**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[12]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 31 July 1737.
ii. **Abigail**, born 24 December 1740, died 29 April 1741.
iii. **Abigail**, born 2 September 1742.
iv. **Hannah**, born 16 October 1744.
v. **Nathaniel**, born 5 June 1747.

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155. **Rowland Thacher**[5] (*Desire [Sturgis*[4]*] Dimmock, Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 28 August 1710,[1] the son of John and Desire (Sturgis) (Dimmock) Thacher. He died in Wareham, Mass., 18 February 1775.[2]

Rowland Thacher married first, in Barnstable 24 September 1740 (intentions 31 May 1740) **Abigail Crocker**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 2 April 1721,[4] the daughter of Timothy and Melatiah (Crocker) Crocker. Abigail died in Wareham 31 October 1753, in her 33rd year.[5]

The Rev. Rowland Thacher married second, in Plympton, Mass., 15 (or 16) September 1754 **Hannah (Swift) Fearing**,[6] who was born in Sandwich, Mass., 7 May 1725,[7] the daughter of Moses and Mary (Foster) Swift of Sandwich, and the widow of Israel Fearing by whom she had two children, Israel and Sarah Fearing, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Son Israel Fearing became a general in the Revolutionary War.[8]

The Rev. Rowland Thacher graduated from Harvard College in 1733.[9] He was the first pastor of the church in Wareham, serving for 47 years.[10] In his will dated 30 August 1774, probated 3 April 1775, Rowland Thacher of Wareham made bequests, which included silver spoons, to his married daughters Martha Howland, Jerusha Gibbs, Sylvia Crooker, and Desire Nye, and to his unmarried daughters Abigail, Hannah, Fear and

Elizabeth Thacher, and to his sons Lot, John and Rowland Thacher. Son Rowland Thacher was appointed as the sole executor. The witnesses were Philip Bump, Edward Sparrow and Josiah Carver.[11]

Children (**Thacher**), born in Wareham, Mass.:[12]
By his first wife, Abigail Crocker:

i. **Martha Fearing**[6], born 19 June 1741.
ii. **Jerusha**, born 3 April 1743.
iii. **Rowland**, born 13 March 1745.
iv. **Sylvia**, born 16 May 1747.
v. **Desire**, born 27 July 1749.
vi. **Lucy**, born 27 May 1751; not mentioned in father's will.
vii. **Abigail**, born 20 October 1753.

By his second wife, Hannah (Swift) Fearing:

viii. **Hannah**, born 27 June 1755.
ix. **Lot**, born 3 June 1757.
x. **Fear**, born 14 March 1760.
xi. **Elizabeth**, born 23 September 1762.
xii. **John**, born 26 January 1767.

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156. **Hannah Sturgis**[5] (*James*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 3 March 1693,[1] the daughter of James and Rebecca (Thacher) Sturgis. Her place and date of death are not known.

Hannah Sturgis married in Yarmouth 9 March 1707/8 **John Matthews,**[2] who was born in 1683,[3] the son of Thomas Matthews.

Hannah was one of the "two eldest daughters" mentioned in the records of the intestate estate of her father, James Sturgis, in which she was called "Hannah Mathews."[4] She was also called "Hannah Matthews, wife of John Matthews," when her step-father, Lt. Ebenezer Lewis and her uncle, Mr. Edward Sturgis, settled the intestate estate of her brother, James Lewis, who died in his minority.[5]

No probate records were found in Barnstable County for John and Hannah Matthews. They may have moved elsewhere but searches have proved to be unsuccessful.

Children (**Matthews**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[6]

i. **Thomas**[6], born 4 May 1710.
ii. **Isaac**, born 4 September 1712.
iii. **Rebecca**, born last day of November 1714.
iv. **John**, born 29 March 1717.
v. **James**, born 11 April 1719.
vi. **William**, born 24 May 1721.
vii. **Thankful**, born 9 January 1724/5.
viii. **David**, born 14 May 1727.
ix. **Elisha**, born 7 August 1730.

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157. **Bethiah Sturgis**[5] (*James*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 19 February 1695/6,[1] the daughter of James and Rebecca (Thacher) Sturgis. She died in Barnstable, Mass., 11 July 1769, in her 73d year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, called "widow to Mr. Job Gorham."[2]

Bethiah Sturgis married first, in Yarmouth 16 March 1715/6 **Isaac Freeman**,[3] who was born in 1686,[4] the son of Lt. Edmund and Sarah (Mayo) Freeman and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Elder William Brewster. Isaac Freeman died in Fairfield, Conn., 21 May 1732, in his 46th year.[5]

Bethiah married second, in Fairfield, Conn., 24 November 1735 (intentions 19 October 1735) as his second wife, **Job Gorham**[4],[6] who was born in Barnstable 30 August 1692,[7] the son of John Gorham[3] (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Mary Otis. Job Gorham had five children, Temperance[5-6], Thomas, Edward, Desire and Job Gorham[8] by his first wife, Bethiah's cousin, Desire Dimmock[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #48, pages 92-93, and #149, pages 226-27.]

Bethiah was called Bethiah Freeman when the estate of her father, James Sturgis, was settled in 1721/2, and also when her brother, James's estate was settled in 1724/5.[9]

Capt. Isaac Freeman's mother, Sarah Freeman, widow of Lt. Edmund Freeman of Harwich, died in 1746. In her will, Sarah Freeman left legacies "to the four sons of my son, Isaac, deceased." Two of these were minors who chose their older brother, Isaac Freeman of Boston, as their guardian. Capt. Isaac Freeman was the master of a whaling vessel.[10]

Bethiah (Sturgis) Freeman was called "of Fairfield" in Barnstable records when her intentions of marriage to Job Gorham, her second husband, were published. On 10 January 1744/5, as the guardian of her Freeman children, Bethiah Gorham signed the receipt from Edmund Freeman for their share of the estate of their father, Isaac Freeman.[12]

In his will dated 10 September 1753, probated 2 November 1762, Job Gorham mentioned his second wife, Bethiah, and his children by his first wife, Desire Dimmock, whom he listed as Temperance Fuller, Desire Gorham and Thomas Gorham, who was named as executor.[13]

On 8 August 1769, Mrs. Abigail Freeman, widow of David Freeman, was appointed as the administratrix for the estate of Bethiah (Sturgis) (Freeman) Gorham, late of Barnstable, widow, deceased. The inventory, dated 7 September 1769, amounted to £36-8-8. The estate was declared insolvent.[14]

Children (**Freeman**), by her first husband, Isaac Freeman, first two born in Yarmouth, Mass., last three in Fairfield, Conn.:[15]

i. **Isaac**^{6}, born in 1717/8.
ii. **Edmund**, born in 1720.
iii. **Rebecca**, born in 1723/4.
iv. **James**, born 5 November 1728.
v. **David**, born in 1730.

Child (**Gorham**), by her second husband, **Job Gorham**, born in Barnstable, Mass:[16]

vi. **Sarah**$^{6\text{-}5}$, bapt. 15 August 1736, died young.

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158. **Thankful Sturgis**^{5} (*James*^{4}, *Temperance Gorham*^{3}, *Desire*^{2} *Howland, John*^{1}) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 2 September 1701,[1] the daughter of James and Rebecca (Thacher) Sturgis. She died in Yarmouth 10 January 1721/2,[2] in her 22d year, at the birth of her first child, who also died. Both mother and child were buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.

Thankful Sturgis married in Yarmouth 18 February 1719/20 **Timothy Hallett**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth about 1694,[4] the son of Jonathan and Abigail (Dexter) Hallett. Timothy Hallett married second, in Falmouth, Mass., 11 March 1724 Elizabeth Hatch,[5] the daughter of Moses and

Elizabeth (Thacher) Hatch of Falmouth, and had eight children who were mentioned by Elizabeth's father, Deacon Hatch, in his will.[6] Timothy Hallett married third, in Barnstable (intentions) 12 or 13 April 1745 Thankful Jones of Barnstable.[7] Timothy Hallett died in Yarmouth 7 July 1760, in his 66th year.[8]

In his will dated 7 August 1758, probated 22 July 1760, Timothy Hallett, yeoman, mentioned his third wife, Thankful Jones, and four sons, Joshua, Benjamin, Isaac and Moses Hallett, none of whom were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[9]

Child (**Hallett**), by his first wife, Thankful Sturgis, born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[10]

i. Daughter, born and died 10 January 1721/2.

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159. **Elizabeth Sturgis**[5] (*James*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., in December 1703,[1] the daughter of James and Rebecca (Thacher) Sturgis. She died in Barnstable, Mass., 6 June 1727, in her 23d year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable.[2]

Elizabeth married, as his first wife, in Barnstable 24 February 1725/6 (intentions 4 February 1725/6) **Gershom Davis**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 5 September 1702,[4] the son of Joseph and Hannah (Cobb) Davis. Deacon Gershom Davis married second, 23 September 1731 Mary Hinckley[5],[5] daughter of Joseph Hinckley and his wife, Mary Gorham[4] (*John Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), by whom he had seven children, Robert[6], Samuel, Elizabeth, Mary, Abigail, died young, Abigail, again, and Mercy, died young,[6] also descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. [See #249, pages 334-35.] Gershom Davis married third, in Barnstable in December 1758 (intentions) Thankful (Gorham[5]) (Hawes) Skiffe[7] of Sandwich, Mass. [See #250, pages 335-36.] He had no children by his third wife. He died in Barnstable 29 April 1790, in his 88th year and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.[8]

On 22 February 1721/2, Elizabeth Sturgis, about 18 years of age, chose Capt. John Thacher of Barnstable as her guardian.[9] On 18 February 1724/5 Elizabeth Sturgis was listed as one of the four heirs to the estate of her deceased brother, James Sturgis.[10] She was admitted to the East Precinct Church 7 May 1727 and her husband, Gershom Davis, was ad-

mitted 17 March 1728.[11] In his will dated 18 January 1789, probated 8 June 1790, Gershom Davis mentioned all of his children, including his son by Elizabeth, James Davis, who was named joint executor of his father's estate, with his step-mother, Thankful.[12]

Child (**Davis**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[13]

1. **James**[6], born 2 June 1727.

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160. **Abigail Sturgis**[5] (*Edward*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 25 October 1706,[1] the daughter of Edward and Mehitable (Hallett) Sturgis. She died in Dennis, Mass., 17 September 1783, in her 77th year, and was buried in Worden Cemetery, Dennis.[2]

Abigail Sturgis married, as his second wife, in Yarmouth 8 May 1746 (intentions 12 April 1746) **Kenelm Winslow** of Harwich, Mass.,[3] who was born in 1706,[4] the son of Kenelm and Bethiah (Hall) Winslow. Kenelm Winslow married first, in Harwich 14 September 1722 Zerviah Rider,[5] by whom he had thirteen children who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Kenelm Winslow died in Dennis 28 June 1783, in his 83rd year, and was buried in Worden Cemetery, Dennis.[6]

In his will dated 29 September 1781, probated 4 July 1783, Kenelm Winslow of Harwich gave his wife, Abigail, all of the household goods and furniture that she brought to their marriage, her dower thirds, and all of the necessities of life. His sons, Kenelm and Nathan Winslow, were named joint executors.[7]

Abigail died intestate. The administration of her estate was granted to her sister, Jerusha Howes, 4 November 1783. Her nephew, Obed Howes, acting as attorney for his mother, Jerusha Howes, administratrix for Abigail's estate, sold the "indoor moveables" at public auction. In his final account, dated 9 March 1790, the estate was divided between Abigail's sister, Jerusha Howes, another sister, Mary Gorham of Barnstable, the heirs of their sister Mehitable Hinkley of Barnstable, deceased, the heirs of their brother Edward Sturgis of Yarmouth, deceased, and the heirs of their sister Temperance Stone, deceased.[8]

Abigail apparently had no children.

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161. **Temperance Sturgis**[5] (*Edward*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 29 October 1708,[1] the daughter of Edward and Mehitable (Hallett) Sturgis. She died in Harwich, Mass., 7 November 1742.[2]

Temperance Sturgis married, as his first wife, in Yarmouth 21 June 1727 (intentions 13 April 1727) **Heman Stone**,[5] who was born in Harwich 4 September 1705,[4] the son of the Rev. Nathaniel and Reliance (Hinckley) Stone. Heman Stone married second, in Harwich 21 September 1743 Lydia Gray,[5] the daughter of Lot and Bethiah (Paddock) Gray. Heman Stone married third, in Boston, Mass., 20 December 1763 (intentions Harwich 5 December 1763) Mrs. Mary (Hatch) Freeman,[6] the daughter of Benjamin and Mercy (Bangs) Hatch.[7] Heman Stone died in Harwich 26 April 1779.[8]

Temperance's husband, Heman Stone, was a deacon, mariner, farmer and mill owner. He served as the coroner of Barnstable County and served three terms as Selectman.[9] Temperance was called "deceased" when the estate of her mother, Mehitable Sturgis, was settled 11 April 1745.[10] Heman Stone was appointed guardian of their children, Temperance, Keziah, Mehitable, Reliance, Nathaniel and Edward, to protect their rights in the estate of their grandmother, Mehitable Sturges, deceased.[11]

In his will dated 10 November 1767, proved in 1779, Heman Stone of Harwich mentioned his third wife, Mary, and his granddaughter, Temperance Bangs, who was to have all those things that were her mother's. He also mentioned his granddaughters Thankful Bangs, Mehitable Clark and Temperance Clark, his grandson Heman Clark, his son Nathaniel Stone, Jr., and his daughters Keziah Hinckley and Reliance Freeman. His wife, Mary Stone, and his son, Nathaniel Stone, Jr., were named joint executors. Witnesses were Seth Doane, Jr., Edward Freeman and Phebe Freeman.[12]

Children (**Stone**), born in Harwich, Mass.:[13]

i. **Edward**[6], born 6 July 1728, died 22 July 1728.
ii. **Mehitable**, born 23 June 1729, died 17 July 1729.
iii. **Mehitable**, born 17 January 1730/1.
iv. **Edward**, born 1 November 1732, died 4 March 1733/4.
v. **Temperance**, born 15 February 1733/4.
vi. **Keziah**, born 25 September 1736.
vii. **Edward**, born 5 August 1738.

viii. **Reliance**, born 25 October 1740.
ix. **Nathaniel**, born 7 November 1742

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162 **Edward Sturgis**[5] (*Edward*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 24 July 1710,[1] the son of Edward and Mehitable (Hallett) Sturgis. He died before 9 February 1773, the date his will was probated.[2]

Edward Sturgis married in Yarmouth 4 March 1731 (intentions 3 February 1731) **Thankful Hedge**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 23 November 1712,[4] the daughter of John and Thankful (Lothrop) Hedge. Thankful died after 17 April 1762, the date she was mentioned in her husband's will.[5]

In 1745 Thankful's father, John Hedge, gave his daughter, Thankful Sturgis £45 in his will, in addition to one share in his estate.[6]

Edward Sturgis was called "only son" when the estate of his father, Edward Sturgis, was settled, 11 April 1745.[7] Edward's mother, Mehitable Sturgis, also called Edward "only son" in her will and assigned all of her real estate to him.[8]

In his will dated 17 April 1762, probated 9 February 1773, Edward Sturgis of Yarmouth, yeoman, gave 40 shillings to each of his daughters, Temperance Taylor, Elizabeth Matthews and Abigail Gorham. His grandson, James Matthews, was to receive 40 shillings when he became 21 years of age. His wife, Thankful, was given two-thirds of his real estate in lieu of her dower. His son, Edward Sturgis, was named executor and was given a silver tankard, silver spoons, and his father's gun, as well as all of the remaining estate.[9]

Children (**Sturgis**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[10]

i. **Temperance**[6], born 23 June 1731.
ii. **Elizabeth**, born 11 August 1734.
iii. **James**, born 23 August 1735; not mentioned in father's will.
iv. **Edward**, born 27 July 1737.
v. **Abigail**, born 7 January 1739; married Hezekiah Gorham[5] (*Josiah*[4]. *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #310, page 409.]
vi. **Samuel**, born 11 December 1742; not mentioned in father's will.

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163. **Jerusha Sturgis**[5] (*Edward*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 21 February 1716/7,[1] the daughter of Edward and Mehitable (Hallett) Sturgis. She died in Dennis, Mass., 29 October 1801, in her 86th year and was buried in the Howes Cemetery in Dennis.[2]

Jerusha Sturgis married in Yarmouth 21 October 1736 **Samuel Howes**[5],[3] who was born in Yarmouth 14 December 1707,[4] the son of Ebenezer Howes and his second wife, Lydia Joyce[4] (*Elizabeth Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Samuel Howes died in Dennis 27 December 1772, aged 65 years, and was buried in Howes Cemetery, Dennis.[5]

Jerusha was named as Jerusha Howes in the will of her mother, Mehitable Sturgis, dated 26 December 1744.[6]

Samuel Howes, yeoman, in his will dated 30 October 1772, probated 9 March 1773, gave his well-beloved wife, Jerusha, one-third of his personal estate instead of her dower rights. He gave £26-14-0 to each of his three daughters, Mehitable Howes, Abigail Howes and Jerusha Howes. His six sons, Ebenezer, Edward, Samuel, Sturgis, John and Obed Howes, were to share equally in the remainder of his estate when Obed became 21 years of age. His wife, Jerusha, and his son, Samuel, were named as joint executors.[7]

Jerusha Howes was named administratrix of the estate of her sister, Abigail Winslow, 4 November 1783.[8] On 9 March 1790, her son Obed Howes, acting as her attorney, presented the final accounting for the estate of Abigail Winslow of Harwich, deceased.[9]

Jerusha Howes, in her will proved 5 November 1801, called herself "widow, of Dennis." She mentioned her granddaughter, Jerusha Sturgis Howes, her sons Ebenezer, Edward, Samuel, Sturgis, John and Obed Howes, and her three daughters, Mehitable Hall, Abigail Howes and Jerusha Howes. Daughter Jerusha Howes was named sole executrix. Witnesses were Jerusha Howes, Philip Howes and Zerviah Howes.[10]

Children (**Howes**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., baptized in the East Yarmouth Church, now in Dennis, Mass.:[11]

i. **Ebenezer**[6-6], born 9 August 1737.
ii. **Edward**, born 21 March 1739.
iii. **Samuel**, born 6 March 1741, died 12 April 1741.
iv. **Samuel**, born 13 March 1742.

v. **Sturgis**, born 28 April 1744.
vi. **John**, born 9 August 1746.
vii. **Mehitable**, born 20 September 1748.
viii. **Abigail**, born 10 April 1751.
ix. **Jerusha**, born 16 March 1753.
x. **Obed**, born 24 August 1757.

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164. **Mary Sturgis**[5] (*Edward*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 8 May 1722,[1] the daughter of Edward and Mehitable (Hallett) Sturgis. She died in Barnstable, Mass., in April 1795, in her 73rd year, and was buried in Lothrop Cemetery, Barnstable, (the stone is now half-buried), next to her husband.[2]

Mary Sturgis married in Yarmouth, Mass., 3 September 1741 (intentions 8 February 1740/1) **Benjamin Gorham**[5-5],[3] who was born in Barnstable 18 June 1715,[4] the son of John Gorham[4-3], (*Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Prudence Crocker[4] (*Anne*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]). [See #271, page 365.] Capt. Benjamin Gorham died 27 April 1788, "in the 73d year of his age," and was buried in Lothrop Cemetery, Barnstable.[5]

Mary was called "Mary Gorham" by her mother, Mehitable Sturgis, in her will dated 26 December 1744.[6]

During his lifetime Benjamin Gorham was known as "Old Fiddler" and his son, also named Benjamin, was called "Young Fiddler."[7] He was called Captain and Gentleman in his probate records. Benjamin Gorham, died intestate in May 1788, after a long illness. Letters of administration were given to his sons, Sturgis Gorham, Esq., and Benjamin Gorham, yeoman, 22 July 1788. On the same day Samuel Hinckley, James Allen and Joseph Annable were ordered to take the inventory. In this document, Benjamin's daughter, Mary, was called "Polly." The division of the estate was made 30 March 1796, almost nine years later, by Joseph Blish, James Huckins and Ebenezer Bacon, after the eldest son, Sturgis Gorham, had died. Recipients were the heirs of son Sturgis Gorham, son Edward Gorham, and daughters Mary Loring and Olive Bourne.[8]

In her will dated 18 May 1790, probated 20 November 1795, widow Mary Gorham mentioned her sons, Sturgis, Benjamin and Edward Gorham, her daughters Olive Bourne and Mary Loring, her grandchildren, Olive Gorham Bourne, Melatiah Bourne and Sylvanus Bourne, who were the children of her daughter, Olive, who had married her cousin, Melatiah

Bourne, and her other grandchildren, Abigail Russell, John Russell and William Russell, children of her daughter, Mary, who had married, first, Capt. John Russell and, second, Otis Loring. Son Benjamin Gorham was appointed sole executor.[9]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

i. **Sturgis**[6-6-6], born 28 June 1742.
ii. **Deborah**, born 6 July 1744, died 10 October 1745.
iii. **Benjamin**, born 26 March 1746.
iv. **Mary/Polly**, born 8 October 1748.
v. **Mehitable**, born 28 November 1755, (new style).
vi. **Olive**, born 12 March 1759.
vii. **Edward**, born 15 February 1762.

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165. **Mehitable Sturgis**[5] (*Edward*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 17 November 1723,[1] the daughter of Edward and Mehitable (Hallett) Sturgis. She died in Barnstable, Mass., 14 November 1773, aged "about 53 years."[2]

Mehitable Sturgis married in Barnstable (intentions) 9 June 1743 **Ebenezer Hinckley.**[3] who was born in Barnstable 10 September 1712,[4] the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Lewis) Hinckley. Ebenezer Hinckley died in Barnstable 12 June 1780, in his 68th year.[5]

In his will dated 23 July 1779, probated 11 July 1780, Ebenezer Hinckley, yeoman, mentioned his daughters Sarah Loring, Temperance Phinney, Mehitable Lewis and Mary Hinckley, and his son Ebenezer Hinckley, who was named executor.[6] Son-in-law Timothy Phinney was named as guardian of Mary Hinckley, minor daughter. Timothy complained in court that the executor had not taken an inventory of the indoor moveables that were bequeathed to Mary by their father.[7]

Children (**Hinckley**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[8]

i. **Sarah**[6], born 19 April 1744.
ii. **Temperance**, born 20 January 1748.
iii. **Ebenezer**, born 23 September 1754.

iv. **Mehitable**, born about 1758; named in her father's will.
v. **Mary**, born about 1762; named in her father's will; a minor in 1781.

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166. **Thankful Thacher**[5] (*Thankful Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 13 January 1693/4,[1] the daughter of Peter and Thankful (Sturgis) Thacher. She died in Yarmouth 9 February 1768.[2]

Thankful Thacher married in Yarmouth 24 August 1716 (intentions 2 August 1716) **John Hallett**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth in 1688,[4] the son of John and Mary (Howes) Hallett. John Hallett died in Yarmouth 8 April 1765, aged 77 years.[5]

Thankful's husband, John Hallett, was a sheriff in Yarmouth, a Selectman, and a Representative to the General Court, 1741-1745.[6] In his will dated 19 March 1763, probated 22 April 1765, John Hallett, Gent., made bequests to his wife, Thankful, and to his two granddaughters, Mary Hedge and Thankful Gorham, to his son, Peter Hallett, and to his five grandsons, Charles, John, Allin, Elkanah and Lott Hallett. Grandsons Charles and John Hallett were to pay their sisters, Mary and Martha Hallett, £20 each. Grandsons Allin, Elkanah and Lot Hallett were to pay £60, equally divided, to their four sisters, Rebecca, Eunice, Hannah and Temperance. One-third of his moveable estate was given to the heirs of his son John Hallett, deceased, and the other two-thirds to his son Peter Hallett. Witnesses were David Thacher, William Matthews and Judah Thacher.[7]

In her will dated 30 July 1760, probated 8 March 1768, Thankful Hallett mentioned her son Peter Hallett, the children of her son John Hallett, deceased, her granddaughter Mary Hallett, her daughter-in-law Rebecca Hallett, and her granddaughters Thankful Hall and Mary Hedge. Kinsman Enoch Hallett was named sole executor. Witnesses were Mary Gray, Thankful Hallett and Mary Gorham.[8]

Children (**Hallett**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

i. **Mary**[6], born 17 December 1717.
ii. **John**, born 9 August 1719.
iii. **Peter**, born 7 October 1721.

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167. **Sarah Thacher**[5] (*Thankful Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 2 February 1708/9,[1] the daughter of Peter and Thankful (Sturgis) Thacher. She died in Barnstable, Mass., 30 April 1762, aged 53 years, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, in Barnstable.[2]

Sarah Thacher married in Yarmouth 12 September 1727 (intentions 22 July 1727) **George Lewis, Jr.**[3] who was born in Barnstable 5 April 1704,[4] the son of Ebenezer and Anna (Lothrop) Lewis. George Lewis died in Barnstable 6 July 1757, aged 53 years, 2 months, 1 day, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable.[5]

George Lewis was an industrious man. He was called "Jr." all of his life to distinguish him from his uncle of the same name. Sarah Lewis was admitted to the East Precinct Church 12 April 1730.[6]

In his will dated 28 February 1756, probated 8 July 1757, George Lewis named his daughters Annah Gorham, Thankful Davis, Sarah Loring, Temperance Lewis and Susannah Lewis, as well as his eldest son, John Lewis, who was named executor, his three other sons George, Josiah and James, his wife Sarah, and his father, Ebenezer Lewis. The inventory of his estate amounted to £284-6-2. Witnesses were Jonathan Bacon, Jr., Robert Davis and Benjamin Davis.[7]

Children (Lewis), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[8]

i. **Annah**[6], born 9 December 1728.
ii. **Thankful**, born 10 January 1729, died 10 March 1729.
iii. **John**, born 5 October 1731.
iv. **Thankful**, born 6 April 1734.
v. **Sarah**, born 31 July 1737.
vi. **Temperance**, born 25 August 1739, died 4 September 1739.
vii. **George**, born 9 April 1741.
viii. **Temperance**, born 13 June 1743, died 4 January 1744.
ix. **Josiah**, born 29 April 1745.
x. **Temperance**, born 20 October 1747,
ix. **Susannah**, born 15 September 1749.
x. **James**, born 6 August 1753, drowned 17 October 1773; unmarried.

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Recs., 65. 6. Barnstable East Precinct Ch. Recs., 23; Otis, *Barnstable Fams.* 2:144. 7. Barnstable Co. Prob. 9:289 (George Lewis, Jr.) 8. *MD* 33:125; Barnstable VR 2:405.

168. **Temperance Thacher**[5] (*Thankful Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 16 September 1711,[1] the daughter of Peter and Thankful (Sturgis) Thacher. She died in West Barnstable, Mass., 11 July 1736, aged 24 years.[2]

Temperance Thacher married in Yarmouth, as his second wife, 24 July 1734 (intentions 2 June 1734) **Seth Crocker,**[3] who was born in Barnstable, Mass., 13 June 1708,[4] the son of Thomas and Hannah (Green) Crocker. Seth Crocker had married, first, (intentions) 16 April 1730 Joanna Leavet,[6] by whom he had one daughter, Hannah, who was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Seth Crocker married third, (intentions) 18 June 1742 Abigail Blish.[7]

Seth Crocker of Barnstable, yeoman, in his will dated 22 February 1764, probated 11 December 1770, mentioned his third wife, Abigail, who was given the homestead, etc., in lieu of her dower. Son Thomas Crocker received all of the land in Cotuit, livestock and utensils. The remainder was left for the support of Hannah Crocker, his feeble-minded daughter by his first wife, Joanna Leavet. The oldest deacon in the West Precinct was to be Hannah's guardian "and at his decease, the next oldest." Son Thomas was named executor. Witnesses were Nymphas Marston, Reuben Fish and Prince Marston.[8]

Following Seth Crocker's death, his third wife, Abigail Blish, moved to Lee, Mass., where she died.[9]

Child (**Crocker**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

1. **Thomas**[6], born 8 June 1735.

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169. **Peter Thacher**[5] (*Thankful Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 24 August 1712,[1] the son of Peter and Thankful (Sturgis) Thacher. He died in Yarmouth 21 August 1775, in his 63d year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.[2]

Peter Thacher married in Yarmouth 24 October 1734 **Anna Lewis**,[3] who was born in Barnstable, Mass., 3 February 1715/6,[4] the daughter of George and Alice (Crocker) Lewis. Anna died in Yarmouth 17 January 1784.[5]

The Hon. Peter Thacher was a lawyer, a Selectman and a lieutenant in the Yarmouth militia.[6] In his will dated 14 November 1772, probated 27 September 1775, Lt. Peter Thacher named his wife, Anna, his sons Josiah, Peter, Thomas and Lewis Thacher, and his daughters Sarah Thacher and Temperance Hedge. Grandsons Peter Thacher and John Hedge were given silver buttons. He also mentioned Peter Lewis, son of John Lewis. His son, George Thacher, was to be given £6 when he became twenty-one and was to be educated at Harvard College. His son, Josiah Thacher, was made guardian of his youngest brother, Thomas. Josiah and Peter were named executors of their father's will. Witnesses were Daniel Davis, Thomas Howes and Reuben Taylor.[7] On 30 October 1775, Capt. Josiah Thacher, Jr., was appointed guardian of his brother, Thomas Thacher.[8]

In her will dated 2 December 1784, probated 8 February 1785, Anna Thacher mentioned her sons, Josiah, Peter, George and Thomas Thacher, her grandsons Lewis Thacher, Benjamin Lothrop Thacher and Josiah Lewis Thacher, and her daughters Temperance Howes and Sarah Thacher. Son Peter Thacher was named executor of his mother's will.[9]

Children (Thacher), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[10]

i. **Josiah**[6], born 25 July 1735.
ii. **Peter**, born 25 November 1737.
iii. **Temperance**, born 22 February 1739/40.
iv. **Lewis**, born 15 March 1741/2, died 24 December 1742.
v. **Lewis**, stillborn, 1743.
vi. **Thankful**, born 28 February 1744/5, died 5 March 1764; unmarried.
vii. **Anna**, born 2 July 1747, died 9 August 1748.
viii. **Sarah**, born 5 June 1749.
ix. **Lewis**, born 23 November 1751, died 7 November 1778, aged 27; unmarried.
x. **George**, born 12 April 1754.
xi. **Thomas**, born 20 January 1757.

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170. **Joshua Holmes**[5] (*Fear Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 17 August 1700,[1] the son of

Joshua and Fear (Sturgis) Holmes. He died before 21 November 1777, the date his will was accepted for probate.[2]

Joshua Holmes married in Stonington 6 December 1721 **Mary Richardson,**[3] who was baptized in Stonington 30 June 1700,[4] the daughter of Samuel Richardson. Mary died in Stonington 5 April 1785.[5]

Joshua Holmes and his eldest daughter, Fear Maine, were mentioned by his mother, Fear Holmes, in her will dated 17 June 1744.[6]

In the second of two wills dated 1 October 1767, probated 17 August 1777, Joshua Holmes gave his wife, Mary, one-third of all of his lands, and their use. He mentioned his eldest son, Joshua, his other sons James and Joseph, and his daughters Fear Maine, Prudence Palmer, Mary Cottrell, Sarah Walworth, Anna Brown and Abigail Smith. The daughters were to have all of the home moveables. Wife Mary and sons Joshua and James were named as executors.[7]

Children (**Holmes**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[8]

i. **Fear**[6], born 8 July 1722.
ii. **Prudence**, born 27 February 1724.
iii. **Mary**, born 6 May 1725.
iv. **Joshua**, born 28 December 1726.
v. **Sarah**, born 9 March 1729.
vi. **James**, born 17 April 1731.
vii. **Anna**, born 24 June 1733.
viii. **Thankful**, born 7 October 1735; not mentioned in father's will.
ix. **Abigail**, born 18 October 1741.
x. **Joseph**, born 9 December 1745, called "s. of Joshua," recorded separately from rest of children; mentioned in father's will.

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[An account of this family was published in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (Apr. 1988) 142:167-68.]

171. **John Holmes**[5] (*Fear Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 10 June 1702,[1] the son of Joshua and Fear (Sturgis) Holmes. He died in Stonington in 1783, not

in 1785, as stated on his gravestone in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic, Conn.[2]

John Holmes married first, in Stonington 20 April 1727 **Abigail Frink,**[3] who was baptized in Stonington 2 May 1708,[4] the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Miner) Frink. Abigail died in Stonington 2 March 1729/30,[5] after the birth of her second child.

John Holmes married second, in Groton, Conn., 16 April 1735 "Mrs." **Mary Smith,**[6] who was born in Groton, Conn., 16 November 1709,[7] in the part that had been New London until 1705, the daughter of Nehemiah and Dorothy (Wheeler) Smith. She was the sister of the John Smith who married John Holmes's sister, Temperance Holmes, as her first husband. She was also the sister of the Anna Smith who was the second wife of her husband's brother-in-law, William Swan. Mary died childless 26 January 1743/4.[8]

John Holmes married third, in Stonington 31 October 1744 **Hannah Hulse** "of So. Hampton."[9] who was born about 1724.[10] Hannah died in Stonington 12 May 1805, aged 81 years, called "wife of Capt. John Holmes." She was buried in Elk Grove Cemetery, Mystic, Conn.[11] Wheeler, in *History of Stonington*, appears to have been mistaken in saying that she came from South Hampton, Long Island.[12]

John Holmes was mentioned by his mother, Fear Holmes, in her will dated 17 June 1744.[13] He was called "Lieutenant" when he married his third wife in 1744.[14] He was called "Capt." when he made his will dated 1 March 1783. Bond was given and the inventory taken 2 September 1783. John's third wife, Hannah, was given her dower thirds and the use of the farm where they lived. Sons John, Jeremiah, Jabez and Silas were mentioned, as well as daughters Temperance Andrus, Abigail Sterry, Mary Brown, Eunice Miner, Lucretia Prentice and Lucy Holmes. Son Jabez was given the farm which had been bought from Samuel Fish.[15]

Children (**Holmes**), born in Stonington, Conn., baptized in the First Church of Stonington:

By first wife, Abigail Frink:[16]

i. **Temperance**[6], born 27 January 1727/8, bapt. 23 September 1733.
ii. **Abigail**, born 18 February 1729/30, bapt. 23 September 1733.

By third wife, Hannah Hulse:[17]

iii. **Mary**, born 9 August 1745, bapt. 11 December 1748; mentioned in father's will but not in town vital records.
iv. **Eunice**, born 28 June 1747, bapt. 11 December 1748.
v. **John**, born 9 March 1749, bapt. 20 July 1749.
vi. **Jeremiah**, born 19 November 1751, bapt. 2 August 1752.
vii. **Jabez**, born 20 May 1753, bapt. 9 September 1753.
viii. **Silas**, born 5 June 1755, bapt. 3 August 1755.

ix. **Elias**, born 2 February 1757, bapt. 12 June 1757, died 1 May 1759.
x. **Lucretia**, born 14 January 1759, bapt. 22 April 1759.
xi. **Elias**, born 12 October 1760, bapt. 5 July 1761; not mentioned in father's will.
xii. **Lucy**, born 25 May 1765.

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[An account of this family was published in *NEHGR* (Apr. 1988) 142:168-69.]

172. **Abigail Holmes**[5] (*Fear Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 28 February 1702,[1] the daughter of Joshua and Fear (Sturgis) Holmes. She died in Stonington 16 January 1731/2.[2] [Wheeler, *History of Stonington* gives the date as 6 June 1732.]

Abigail Holmes married in Westerly, R.I., 27 November 1728 **Jedediah Brown**,[3] who was born in Stonington 28 April 1709,[4] the son of John and Elizabeth (Minor) Brown. Jedediah Brown died in Stonington 15 January 1732.[5]

Abigail was apparently six years older than her husband. Abigail's children, Jedediah and Lucy Brown, were mentioned in the will of her mother, Fear Holmes.[6] This will settles the confusion concerning Lucy's name, spelled *Leucan* in Stonington vital records, and *Lucien* in the *History of Stonington*. She may really have been named "Lucy Ann." Son Jedediah Brown married his cousin, Anna Holmes. Daughter Lucy married her step-cousin, Capt. John Randall, and died 23 October 1765, in her 35th year.[7] Both Jedediah and Lucy were buried in the Randall-Brown Yard in North Stonington.

No probate records have been found for either Jedediah or Abigail Brown.

Children (**Brown**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[8]

i. **Jedediah**[6], born 14 March 1728/9.

ii. **Lucy**, born 20 October 1730; *Leucan* in vital records, *Lucian* in *History of Stonington*, *Lucy* in grandmother's will.

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[An account of this family was published in *NEHGR* (Apr. 1988) 142:169-70.]

173. **Temperance Holmes**[5] (*Fear Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 29 January 1706/7,[1] the daughter of Joshua and Fear (Sturgis) Holmes. She died in Stonington before 3 April 1792, the date her will was probated.[2]

Temperance Holmes married first, in Groton, Conn., 10 May 1727 **John Smith,**[3] who was born in Groton 14 June 1704,[4] while it was still part of New London, Conn., the son of Nehemiah and Dorothy (Wheeler) Smith. He died in Groton 22 December 1758, in his 55th year, and was buried in the Groton Cemetery at the Poquonnock Bridge, called "of Colchester.[5]

Temperance, called "widow of Capt. John Smith," married second, in Colchester, Conn., 10 December 1761 **James Treadway,**[6] who died in Colchester 2 July 1780.[7] There were no children from her second marriage.

Temperance was mentioned in the will of her mother, Fear Holmes.[8] Temperance's first husband, John Smith, was admitted to the church in Colchester from Groton, 19 November 1738.[9] While they lived in Colchester, three of their sons were buried in the Old Burying Ground, under a triple headstone, named as Shubael, who died 18 May 1736, Caleb who died 22 December 1740, and David who died 17 August 1752 (*sic*).[10] The last date should be "1742" to agree with David's age at death, and with the fact that a second David was baptized in Stonington, 16 June 1745, the day that John Smith was admitted to membership in the First Church of Stonington.[11] On 13 January 1746, Temperance, wife of John Smith, was recommended from the Colchester church to the church in Stonington. In addition to a second David, two more children, Temperance and Charles, were baptized in Stonington between 1745 and 1749.[12]

By 1758 the Smiths moved back to Colchester, even though Capt. John Smith was buried in Groton. In his will, John Smith mentioned all of his children except his eldest son, John, who had died in 1752.[13] Son Shubael died in 1761, after his father's death but before his mother. In her will dated 8 March 1791, filed in Stonington, Temperance (Holmes) (Smith) Treadway gave only five shillings to each of her sons Joshua, Nehemiah,

Roswell, David and Charles, since they had received their shares earlier. Daughter Temperance and her husband, Jonas Hewitt, were given the remainder of the estate.[14] Daughter Olive, who had married her step-brother, James Treadway, Jr., was omitted from the will even though she was still alive, which may be the reason this will was apparently not accepted for probate.[15]

Children (**Smith**), born in Groton, Colchester and North Stonington, Conn.:[16]

i. **John**[6], born in Groton, 26 March 1728, died in Colchester 17 August 1752, in his 24th year.[17]
ii. **Joshua**, born in Groton 31 (*sic*) June 1729.
iii. **Shubael**, born in Groton 27 September 1731, died in Colchester 18 May 1736, aged 4 years 8 months.
iv. **Nehemiah**, born in Groton 30 October 1733.
v. **David**, born in Groton 10 December 1735, died in Colchester 17 August 1742, in his 9th year.
vi. **Jonas**, born in Colchester in 1737; not mentioned in his mother's will.
vii. **Shubael**, bapt. in Colchester 15 January 1738, died in Colchester 14 May 1761, aged 23 years.
viii. **Caleb**, born in Colchester in January 1740, died there 22 December 1740, aged 11 months.
ix. **Roswell**, born in Colchester 19 February 1741/2.
x. **David**, born in Stonington 20 July 1744, bapt. there 16 June 1745.
xi. **Temperance**, born in Stonington 7 December 1746, bapt. 11 October 1717.
xii. **Charles**, born in Stonington 19 March 1749, bapt. 10 December 1749.
xiii. **Olive**, born probably in Stonington about 1750/1; mentioned in her father's will but not in her mother's probate records.

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[An account of this family was published in *NEHGR* (Apr. 1988) 142:170-71.]

174. **Thankful Holmes**[5] (*Fear Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 12 November 1708,[1] the daughter of Joshua and Fear (Sturgis) Holmes. She died in Stonington 7 September 1742.[2]

Thankful Holmes married in Stonington 28 January 1728/9, as his first wife, **William Swan,**[3] who was born in Haverhill, Mass., 24 June 1706,[4] the son of John and Susannah (Eastman) (Wood) Swan. William Swan married second, in Stonington 14 April 1743 "Mrs. Anna Smith "of Groton,"[5] who was born in Groton 1 November 1717,[6] the daughter of Nehemiah and Dorothy (Wheeler) Smith. Anna died after 21 October 1774, the date her husband's will was probated.[7] William had two more children by his second wife, Anna and Charles, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Anna Smith was a sister of the John Smith who married Temperance Holmes, William Swan's first wife's sister. She was also the sister of the "Mrs. Mary Smith of Groton" who married William Swan's brother-in-law, John Holmes, as his second wife. She was *not* the younger Anna Smith "of Stonington," born 23 October 1727, the daughter of Daniel and Thankful (Billings) Smith, as claimed in "The Billings Family of Connecticut."[8] William Swan died in Stonington before 21 October 1774, the date his will was probated.[9]

Thankful's children by William Swan, Mary, Abigail, Thankful, William and Desire, were mentioned by their grandmother, Fear Holmes, in her will dated 17 June 1744.[10]

In his will dated 30 April 1774, proved 21 October 1774, William Swan, Sr., gave his second wife, Anna, all of the indoor moveables and £12, to be paid by his sons William and Charles Swan. Son WIlliam Swan, his son by his first wife, Thankful Holmes, received the old farm and Charles Swan, his son by his second wife, Anna Smith, was given land purchased from Thomas Wheeler. William Swan, [Sr.], also mentioned his daughters Mary Caviler, Abigail Blodgett, Desire Lamb and Thankful Randall, as well as his sons-in-law Capt. John Randall and Lemuel Lamb who were named executors. Witnesses were Robert Swan, Abigail Swan and Seth Smith. His widow, Anna, was named guardian of her son Charles, who was still a minor.[11]

Children (**Swan**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[12]

i. **Mary**[6], born 1 January 1730/1.
ii. **Abigail**, born 6 August 1732.
iii. **Thankful**, born 30 September 1734.
iv. **William**, born 7 April 1737.
v. **Desire**, born 22 July 1739.
vi. **Ruth**, born 27 September 1741, died 6 March 1741/2.

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[An account of this family was published in *NEHGR* (Apr. 1988) 142:172.]

175. **Thomas Holmes**[5] (*Fear Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 1 January 1710/11,[1] the son of Joshua and Fear (Sturgis) Holmes. He died in Stonington 9 April 1796.[2]

Thomas Holmes married in Stonington 12 November 1740 **Margaret Frink**,[3] who was born in Stonington 2 September 1722,[4] the daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Wheeler) Frink. Margaret died in Stonington 5 August 1793.[5]

Thomas Holmes was named executor of the will of his mother, Fear Holmes, in 1744.[6] He was called "Captain" in some records but in his probate records he was called "yeoman. In his will dated 25 March 1791, Thomas Holmes gave one-third of his estate to his wife, Margaret. He gave land to his sons, Jedediah and Joshua, and to his grandson, Thomas Holmes, son of his son Thomas, to grandson Shubael Holmes, and to beloved grandsons Nathan and Gorum (*sic*) Holmes, also sons of son Thomas Holmes. He left land to his three beloved daughters, Mary Holmes, Marvin Holmes and Eunice Huit, and gave 20 shillings to his daughters Margaret Brown and Bethiah Billings. In the final paragraph, Thomas Holmes left the remainder of his estate to Samuel Stanton, "alias Holmes who was supposed to be the son of my sone Samuel Holmes deceased though not known at the time of his death, to and for his own use and disposal when he shall arrive at the age of 21 years." Wife Margaret and sons Jedediah and Joshua, were named executors. Receipts show that his daughter, Marvin Holmes, was still single in 1796 and gave her receipt for her share 20 April 1797. Widow Margaret died before 29 April 1796. Son-in-law Nathan Billings signed for his late wife, Bethiah, 27 April 1797. On the same date son-in-law Christopher Brown signed a receipt for his wife, Margaret.[7]

Children (**Holmes**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[8]

i. **Margaret**[6], born 19 April 1742.
ii. **Thomas**, born 29 April 1744.
iii. **Jedediah**, born 4 October 1745; an executor of his father's will; erroneously called "Jeremiah" in *History of Stonington*.[9]
iv. **Bethiah**, born 17 November 1747.

v. **Samuel**, born 19 December 1749.
vi. **Joshua**, born 5 April 1752; an executor of father's will.
vii. **Nathan**, born 28 April 1754; not mentioned in father's will.
viii. **Moley/Mary**, born 17 June 1756; unmarried in 1791.
ix. **Lucy**, born 4 April 1760; not mentioned in father's will.
x. **Abigail**, born 19 April 1762; not mentioned in father's will.
xi. **Marvin**, born 20 March 1765; unmarried in 1797.
xii. **Eunice**, mentioned as "Eunice Huit" in father's will.

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[An account of this family was published in *NEHGR* (Apr. 1988) 142:173-74.]

176. **Mary Holmes**[5] (*Fear Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 19 March 1712/3,[1] the daughter of Joshua and Fear (Sturgis) Holmes. She died before 3 May 1759,[2] the date on which her second husband made his will and did not mention her.

Mary Holmes married first, in Stonington 26 February 1734/5 **Elias Palmer**,[3] who was born in Stonington 15 May 1715,[4] the son of Ichabod and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer. Elias Palmer died in Stonington 13 March 1738/9, aged 24 years.[5]

Mary (Holmes) Palmer married second, as his second wife, in North Stonington 10 May 1741 **John Randall**,[6] who was born in Westerly, R.I., 2 December 1701,[7] the son of John and Abigail (Billings) Randall. John Randall had married first, Dorothy Cottrell,[8] by whom he had John, Hannah, Abigail and Esther Randall, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Capt. John Randall died in Stonington 10 July 1761.[9]

Mary was mentioned by her mother, Fear Holmes, in her will in 1744.[10] Her second husband, Lt. John Randall, was a yeoman. In his will dated 3 May 1759, proved 12 October 1761, Lt. John Randall of Stonington, yeoman, mentioned his eldest son, John Randall, his eldest daughters Hannah Stanton, Abigail Swan and Esther Palmer, and his three youngest daughters Lucy, Mary and Keturah Randall. He also gave his daughter-in-law [step-daughter] Marvin Palmer, "all of the household stuff that was her mother's, my last wife, that is now in her possession." He gave his three youngest sons Thomas, Joshua and Robert, all of his land, buildings and appurtenances, to be divided equally between them. The three youngest daughters and the youngest sons were not yet of age. Son John

Randall was named executor. The inventory was filed 13 October 1761. Witnesses were Simeon Miner, Benajah Pendleton and Sarah Brown.[11]

John Randall was called "Captain" in Stonington records.

Children (**Palmer**), by her first husband, Elias Palmer, born in Stonington, Conn.:[12]

i. **Elias**[6], born 5 March 1735/6.
ii. **Marvin** (female), born 15 February 1739; mentioned in step-father's will.

Children (**Randall**), by her second husband, John Randall, born in Stonington, Conn.:[13]

iii. **Thomas**, born 13 December 1741.
iv. **Joshua**, born 3 March 1743.
v. **Lucy**, born 23 March 1745.
vi. **Mary**, born 13 July 1746.
vii. **Keturah**, born 2 September 1748.
viii. **Robert**, born 21 October 1751.

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[An account of this family was published in *NEHGR* (Apr. 1988) 142:174-75.]

177. **Bethiah Holmes**[5] (*Fear Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 29 July 1715,[1] the daughter of Joshua and Fear (Sturgis) Holmes. Bethiah died before 16 June 1744, the date her mother, Fear Holmes, made her will in which she mentioned her grandson, Joseph Palmer, "son of my daughter Bethiah, deceased," and said that Joseph was to share equally with her other daughters in his grandmother's estate.[2] The mystery of the identity of Bethiah's son was solved by an entry in North Stonington Church records which lists, under "Holmes," the baptism of Joseph Palmer 30 April 1738, the son of Bethiah Holmes.[3] Attempts to identify the father have been unsuccessful.

It is possible that Bethiah Holmes married in Westerly, R.I., 24 March 1739/40 Benajah Billings,[4] perhaps the one born in Stonington 12 April 1711, baptized 17 July 1715, the son of William Billings of Stonington.[6] If true, she died soon after, apparently without leaving any Billings children. Nothing more is known of her son, Joseph Palmer.

Child (**Palmer/Holmes**), born and baptized in North Stonington, Conn.:[7]

i. **Joseph**[6], bapt. 30 April 1738.

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[An account of this family was published in *NEHGR* (Apr. 1988) 142:175.]

178. **Marvin/Marvel Holmes**[5] (*Fear Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1] was born in Stonington, Conn., 17 November 1717,[1] the daughter of Joshua and Fear (Sturgis) Holmes. She died in Stonington after 28 January 1774,[2] when she signed a receipt for her dower from her husband's estate.

Marier (*sic*) Holmes married in Stonington 19 November 1740 **Asa Swan**,[3] who was born in Stonington 4 June 1712,[4] the son of John and Susannah (Eastman) (Wood) Swan. He died after 3 May 1773, the date he made his will, and before 28 January 1774, the date his will was probated.[5]

Marvin was mentioned by her mother, Fear Holmes, in her will dated 17 June 1744.[6] Asa and Marvin Swan lived in North Stonington. In his will Asa Swan gave one-third of his estate to his wife, Marvel (*sic*). He gave his son Asa Swan, Jr., his homestead farm. He gave his son Jabez Swan, a different farm. His daughters, Elizabeth and Susannah, were to have "all the rest and remainder." Sons Asa and Jabez were named as executors. Witnesses were Christopher Palmer, George Palmer and Seth Smith. In a codicil dated 3 May 1773, Asa Swan gave his wearing apparel and silver buttons to his sons, Asa and Jabez Swan. On 6 July 1773, Asa Swan's sons-in-law, Daniel Brewster and William Denison, acknowledged receipt of £222-13s-6d, on behalf of their wives, Elizabeth Brewster and Susannah Denison, which they had received from their brothers-in-law, Asa and Jabez Swan, executors of the estate of their father, Asa Swan of Stonington. On 28 January 1774, Asa's widow signed her name as Marvin Swan when she acknowledged receipt of her dower, and on 4 February 1774, William Denison and Susannah Denison signed another receipt.[7]

Children (**Swan**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[8]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 8 December 1741.
ii. **Susannah**, born 17 August 1744.
iii. **Asa**, born 12 September 1747.
iv. **Jabez**, born 21 May 1751.

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[An account of this family was published in *NEHGR* (Apr. 1988) 142:175-76.]

179. **Elizabeth Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 2 January 1706/7,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Gorham) Baxter. Elizabeth died after 20 November 1749,[2] the date her youngest child was born.

Elizabeth Baxter married in Yarmouth between 21 October 1725 and 10 June 1726 (exact date missing from town records) **William Downs,**[3] who was born in Bristol, R.I., 17 September 1703,[4] the son of William Downs and his wife, Elizabeth Gorham[4] (*Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). William Downs died after 1749,[5] the year his youngest child was born. [See #314, page 414.]

William Downs was called "grandson" by his maternal grandfather, Jabez Gorham, in his will dated 16 March 1724/5.[6] William was also mentioned by his step-father, Shubael Baxter, in his will dated 15 December 1738.[7] In her will dated 2 December 1741, probated 17 April 1746, William's mother, Elizabeth (Gorham) (Downs) Baxter gave all of her real estate to William and his brothers, Edward and Samuel Downs.[8]

No probate records were found in Barnstable County for either William or Elizabeth Downs. Any land records which might have shed some light on this family were destroyed in the Barnstable County courthouse fire in 1827.

Children (**Downs**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

i. **Elizabeth**[6-6-6], born 1 August 1727.
ii. **Desire**, born 10 December 1728.
iii. **Barnabas**, born 8 August 1730.
iv. **Thankful**, born 22 September 1732.
v. **Mary**, born 12 April 1734.
vi. **Jabez**, born 23 March 1735/6.
vii. Daughter, born 29 October 1737, died 6 November 1737.
viii. **Sarah**, born 15 December 1738.
ix. **William**, born 5 December 1740.
x. **Isaac**, born 5 April 1742.
xi. **Lydia**, born 20 January 1743/4.
xii. **Benjamin**, born 20 November 1749.

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180. **Sarah Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis*, *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 28 October 1708,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Gorham) Baxter. She died in Yarmouth after September 1740,[2] the date of her son's birth.

Sarah Baxter married first, in Yarmouth 20 April 1732 (intentions 29 August 1731) **Gershom Cobb**, Jr.,[3] who was born in Barnstable, Mass., 15 November 1707,[4] the son of Gershom and Hannah (Davis) Cobb. Gershom Cobb died in Yarmouth 16 January 1733.[5]

Sarah (Baxter) Cobb was called "Mrs. Sary Cobb" when she married second, in Yarmouth 23 October 1739 (intentions 21 April 1739) **Benjamin Gorham**[5,6] who was born in Barnstable 8 September 1708,[7] the son of Thomas Gorham[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Rachel Trott. Benjamin Gorham apparently died before 3 December 1771, the date on which his father's will was probated.[8] [See #226, page 304.]

On 24 May 1751, in the division of the estate of Gershom Cobb's father, Gershom Cobb, Sr., a "grandson Gershom" received a double portion of land, but his parentage was not stated and there is no proof that he was the son of Gershom and Sarah (Baxter) Cobb.[9]

Gershom Cobb [Jr.] of Barnstable, mariner, died intestate, leaving a large estate. On 16 January 1733, letters testamentary were given to Sarah's father, John Baxter, gentleman, and to widow Sarah Cobb, herself, both of Yarmouth. No child was mentioned. The inventory amounted to £93-13-3 and was sworn to by Samuel Dimmock and Seth Cobb of Barnstable, and by Thomas Crowell of Yarmouth.[10]

Sarah's second husband, Benjamin Gorham, son of Thomas Gorham, was called "Moderate Ben" to distinguish him from the four other Benjamin Gorhams living in Barnstable.[11] He was mentioned in the will of his father, Thomas Gorham, dated in 1758, probated 3 December 1771, and was named co-executor, with his brother-in-law, John Easterbrooks, of his father's estate. Benjamin Gorham must have died before the will was probated because John Easterbrooks presented the will for probate alone.[12] Otis states that Benjamin drowned in the mill pond at Barnstable in 1771.[13]

No probate records have been found for either Benjamin or Sarah Gorham.

Child (**Gorham**), by her second husband, Benjamin Gorham, born in Barnstable, Mass.:[14]

i. **Samuel**[6-6-6], born 2 September 1740.

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181. **Jane/Jeney Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 5 November 1710,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Gorham) Baxter. She died in Yarmouth 26 February 1768, called "wife of Capt. Richard Baxter."[2]

Jane Baxter married, as his first wife, in Yarmouth 11 April 1734 (intentions 26 January 1733/4) **Richard Baxter**[5-5,3] who was born in Yarmouth 6 July 1713,[4] the son of Shubael Baxter[4] (*Temperance* [*Gorham*[3]] *Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, (*Elizabeth* [*Gorham*[4]] *Downs, Jabez Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]. [See #31, page 63-64, and #55, pages 103-5.] Capt. Richard Baxter of Yarmouth married second, in Yarmouth (intentions) 21 October 1775, also recorded on the Island of Nantucket 2 November 1775, Mrs. **Mary Coffin/Coffen** of Nantucket,[5] who was born Mary Woodbury, about 1720, the daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail (Coffin) Woodbury. Mary's identity is proven by the will of her mother, Abigail (Coffin) (Woodbury) Swain of Nantucket, dated 1 February 1780, probated 2 August 1782, in which she called her daughter "Mary Baxter."[6] Mary Woodbury had married first, on Nantucket 15 February 1738/9 Henry Coffin, by whom she had two children, Elizabeth and Henry Coffin.[7] Richard Baxter and his third wife, Mary (Woodbury) Coffin, did not have any children.

Richard Baxter died in Yarmouth before 10 November 1783, the date his will was probated. In his will dated 25 June 1781, he was called yeoman and Esquire. He mentioned his second wife, Mary Baxter, his daughters Thankful Hallet, Desire Taylor, Jane Bragg, his two sons, Richard and Prince Baxter, and his three grandsons Thomas, Warren and Shubael Baxter, all under 21 years of age, the sons of his deceased son, Thomas Baxter.[8]

Children (**Baxter**), all by his first wife, Jane/Jene Baxter, born in Yarmouth, Mass., and baptized in the West Yarmouth Congregational Church:[9]

i. **Thankful**[6-6-6-6], born 23 January 1734/5.
ii. **Shubael**, born 18 July 1736; not mentioned in father's will.
iii. **Hannah**, born 18 December 1738, bapt. 21 January 1739, died 21 September 1740.
iv. **Richard**, born 15 September 1742, bapt. 10 October 1742.
v. **Desire**, born 15 May 1744, bapt. 22 July 1744.
vi. **John**, born 8 March 1745/6, bapt. in 1746, died 8 January 1746/7.
vii. **Prince**, born 27 August 1748, bapt. in October 1748.
viii. **Thomas**, born 12 April 1750, bapt. in 1750.
ix. **Jene**, born 9 April 1756.

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182. **Temperance Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 14 August 1712,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Gorham) Baxter. She died in Harwich, Mass., before 5 November 1789,[2] the date her son was appointed as administrator for her estate.

Temperance Baxter married first, in Yarmouth 25 February 1730/1 (intentions 25 October 1730) **Samuel Downs**[5],[3] who was born in Bristol, R.I., 2 October 1705,[4] the son of William Downs and his wife, Elizabeth Gorham[4] (*Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Samuel Downs died before 18 February 1748, the date his widow, Temperance, was appointed as sole administratrix of his estate.[5] [See #315, page 414.]

Temperance (Baxter) Downs married second, in Harwich 30 December 1754 (intentions 13 December 1754) **Nathaniel Howes** "of Oblong,"[6] probably the one who was born in Yarmouth about 1712,[7] the son of Nathaniel and Esther (Ryder) Howes. Nathaniel Howes died in Harwich 5 March 1759, in his 48th year, and was buried in the Howes Cemetery in North Dennis, Mass.[8]

Temperance's first husband, Samuel Downs, late of Harwich, yeoman and innholder, died intestate before 18 February 1748. Samuel's estate was valued at £106-5-0. On 6 July 1756, Temperances's second husband, Nathaniel Howes of Harwich, whale fisherman, was appointed guardian of Temperance's four youngest children, Shubael, Jane, Jonathan and Baxter Downs, "minor children of Samuel Downs, late of Barnstable, deceased."

Division of the real estate of Samuel Downs, late of Harwich, was made by Kenelm Winslow, Timothy Baxter and Benjamin Freeman, 24 February 1773, after the children became of age. Temperance Howes, relict widow, received one third part.[9]

Temperance's second husband, Nathaniel Howes, was an innholder in Harwich when he died.[10] He may have lived for a few years in the area of New York, along the Connecticut border, called "the Oblong." He owned an inn on the Herring River in Harwich, which was carried on by his widow.[11] Letters of administration on Nathaniel's intestate estate were filed 3 February 1761. On 20 August 1761, the estate was declared to be insolvent. Edward Hall of Harwich was appointed as the administrator 5 January 1762. On 4 May 1762, the estate was settled for 5 shillings 3 pence on the pound.[12]

On 17 May 1773, Nathaniel Downs of Harwich, yeoman, eldest son of Samuel and Temperance (Baxter) Downs, filed an account settling his late father's estate. In it he listed his mother, Temperance Howes, himself as eldest son, his brothers Shubael Downs, Baxter Downs and Jonathan Downs, and his sisters Hannah Gage, Temperance Killey and Jane Hall.[13]

Temperance Howes died intestate before 5 November 1789, the date her son, Nathaniel Downs of Harwich, Gentleman, was appointed administrator of her estate. The estate was declared insolvent.[14]

Children (Downs), all by her first husband, **Samuel Downs**, recorded in Yarmouth, Mass., and Harwich, Mass., and listed in guardianship records:[15]

i. **Hannah**$^{6\text{-}6\text{-}6}$, born in Yarmouth 14 September 1732.
ii. **Nathaniel**, born in Yarmouth 17 July 1734.
iii. **Temperance**, born about 1736.
iv. **Samuel**, born in Harwich 21 June 1739.
v. **Shubael**, born in Harwich 31 October 1741.
vi. **Jane**, born about 1743.
vii. **Jonathan**, born about 1745.
viii. **Baxter**, born about 1747.

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183. **John Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 5 July 1714,[1] the son of John and Desire (Gorham) Baxter. He died after 29 April 1762.[2]

In 1759 John Baxter left Cape Cod and settled in Tisbury, Mass., on Martha's Vineyard. According to Dukes County records, he was a licensed innholder in the precinct of Homes Hole at Tisbury from 1759 to 1761. The exact location is not known as he does not appear as a grantor or grantee of property. He doubtless was a tenant during his stay in Tisbury and presumably rented a house from Jonathan Manter for operating his business. The only reference to it is found in *The Boston Newsletter*, 5 May 1762, which states:[3]

> We hear from Martha's Vineyard that on the 29th of last month the house of Mr. John Baxter, Tavern keeper at Holmes' Hole, was consumed by fire with most of the household furniture and goods that was therein. It was occasioned by a defect in the Chimney. The whole was consumed in eight minutes.

After the fire nothing more was found for John Baxter in Tisbury.[3]

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184. **Joseph Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 3 March 1715/6,[1] the son of John and Desire (Gorham) Baxter. He died in Yarmouth 6 January 1797, in his 82d year.[2]

Joseph Baxter "of Yarmouth" married in Barnstable, Mass., 15 November 1747 (intentions Yarmouth and Barnstable 24 October 1747) **Hannah North** "of Barnstable,[3] who was born in Barnstable 3 September 1725,[4] the daughter of Daniel and Hannah North. Hannah died in Yarmouth 21 August 1807, in her 89th (*sic*) year, called "widow of Joseph Baxter.[5]

Hannah's sister, Winifred North, married Gershom Gorham[5] of Barnstable and Boston, son of Thomas Gorham[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Rachel Trott. [See #229, page 306.]

No probate records were found in Barnstable County for Joseph and Hannah Baxter.

Children (**Baxter**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[6]

i. **Daniel**[6-6], born 18 December 1748.
ii. **Wineford/Winifred**, born 5 September 1750.
iii. **Mary**, born 28 May 1752.

iv. **John**, born 16 April 1754.
v. **Desire**, born 22 May 1756.
vi. **Sarah**, born 8 March 1759.
vii. **Hannah**, born 18 March 1761.
viii. Twin, born and died 1 December 1763.
ix. Twin, born and died 1 December 1763.
x. **Joseph**, born 11 May 1766.

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185. **Isaac Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 12 January 1717/8,[1] the son of John and Desire (Gorham) Baxter. He died, probably in Yarmouth before 10 July 1779, the date when his wife's brother, Benjamin Taylor, called Isaac's wife a widow when he made his will.[2]

Isaac Baxter married in Yarmouth 1 February 1744/5 (intentions 24 November 1744) **Abigail Taylor**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 13 November 1714,[4] the daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Weeks) Taylor of Yarmouth. Abigail died in Yarmouth 28 February 1799, aged 84 years.[5]

Abigail's father, Jacob Taylor of Yarmouth, in his will dated 28 July 1750, mentioned his "daughter Abigail Baxter." Her mother, Rebecca Taylor, in her will dated 22 October 1751, also named her as "daughter Abigail Baxter," and gave her a necklace of gold beads. In addition, Rebecca mentioned Abigail's eldest son, David Baxter.[6] On 10 July 1779, Abigail's brother, Benjamin Taylor, "advanced in years," made generous bequests to her "during her widowhood." Benjamin Taylor also mentioned Abigail's children David, Isaac, Taylor and Martha Baxter, and Deborah Crowell, wife of Levi Crowell. Abigail Baxter and her son, Taylor Baxter, were named as executors for Benjamin Taylor's estate.[7]

No probate records were found for Isaac and Abigail Baxter.

Children (**Baxter**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[8]

i. **David**[6-6], born 14 February 1745/6.
ii. **Isaac**, born 27 August 1749.
iii. **Deborah**, born 26 July 1752.
iv. **Martha**, born 20 July 1755.
v. **Taylor**, born 24 June 1758.

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186. **Hezekiah Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 21 March 1720,[1] the son of John and Desire (Gorham) Baxter. He died probably in Yarmouth after 1767 when he was mentioned in town records.[2]

Hezekiah Baxter married first, in Yarmouth 21 April 1743 (intentions Harwich and Yarmouth 19 March 1742/3) **Deborah Nickerson** of Harwich,[3] who was born in Yarmouth about 1722,[4] the daughter of Josiah and Rachel (Maker) Nickerson. Deborah died in Yarmouth in May 1747.[5]

Hezekiah Baxter married second, in Yarmouth 4 October 1758 (intentions 17 September 1758) **Thankful (Gage) Marchant,**[6] who was born in Yarmouth about 1723,[7] the daughter of Ebenezer and Dorcas (Crowell) Gage. Thankful was the widow of Silvanus Marchant, mariner. She died in Yarmouth after 1767.[8]

Thankful's father, Ebenezer Gage. in his will dated 19 August 1765, probated 10 March 1775, named his daughter, Thankful Baxter. Hezekiah Baxter became blind before 1767. His son, Hezekiah Baxter [Jr.], four years of age, was apprenticed to Jonathan Rogers by the town council until he was 21 years of age because his parents were unable to care for him properly.[9]

There are no probate records in Barnstable County for Hezekiah and Thankful Baxter.

Children (**Baxter**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[10]
By his first wife, Deborah Nickerson:

i. **Samuel/Lemuel**[6-6], born 2 January 1745.

By his second wife, Thankful (Gage) Marchant:

ii. **Ebenezer**, born 27 September 1761.
iii. **Hezekiah**, born 12 October 1763.

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187. **Shubael Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 21 December 1726,[1] the son of John and Desire Gorham) Baxter. He was perhaps the person of that name who died in Yarmouth 6 April 1780.[2]

Shubael Baxter "of Yarmouth" married in Barnstable, Mass., 5 March 1746 (intentions Barnstable and Yarmouth 14 February 1746/7) **Mehitable Hallett,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 21 April 1729,[4] the daughter of David and Mary (Annable) Hallett. She was probably the "Widow Mehitable Baxter" who died in Yarmouth 4 May 1804.[5]

No probate records were found in Barnstable County for either Shubael or Mehitable Baxter.

Children (**Baxter**), born in Barnstable, Mass., and Yarmouth, Mass.:[6]

i. **Susannah**[6-6], born 18 December 1748.
ii. **Anne**, born 15 June 1751.
iii. **Rebecca**, born 25 October 1755.
iv. **Mehitable**, born 5 September 1757.
v. **Temperance**, born in December 1759.
vi. **Shubael**, born 9 November 1761.
vii. **Lockwood Gorham**, born 5 October 1764.
viii. **Ezekiel**, born 13 July 1767.
ix. **Elizabeth**, born 12 July 1774.

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188. **Timothy Baxter**[5] (*Thomas*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Wethersfield, Conn., 26 February 1705/6,[1] the son of Thomas and Mary (Lattimore) Baxter. He died in Wethersfield 18 April 1777.[2]

Timothy Baxter married in Wethersfield 14 July 1726 **Sarah Kilborn,**[3] who was born in Wethersfield 20 May 1702,[4] the daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Goodrich) Kilborn. She died there 23 December 1785.[5]

Timothy Baxter was reared by his mother in Wethersfield because his parents were separated and later were divorced.[6] On 30 March 1727, Timothy signed a receipt for his legacy of £25 bequeathed to him by his grandfather, Thomas Baxter of Yarmouth.[7] Timothy was a tanner in Wethersfield.[8]

No probate records have been found for Timothy and Sarah Baxter.

Children (**Baxter**), born in Wethersfield, Conn.:[9]

i. **John**[6], born 28 December 1726.
ii. **Honour**, born 2 March 1729.
iii. **Martha**, born 14 December 1730.
iv. **Elisha**, born 29 October, bapt. 3 December 1732.
v. **Sarah**, born 28 October 1735.
vi. **Mehitable**, born 25 May, bapt. 5 June 1740.

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1. Wethersfield, Conn., VR 1:34. 2. Stiles 2:51; Aspinwall MS, 147-48 #598. 3. Wethersfield VR 2:1. 4. Payne Kenyon Kilbourne, *Family of Kilbourne* (1856), 64, 77. 5. Stiles 2:51. 6. Ibid. 2:50fn. 7. *MD* 12:220-21: Barnstable Co. Prob. 3:303-5; 4:358 (Thomas Baxter). 8. Stiles, 2:51. 9. Wethersfield VR 2:1.

189. **Elizabeth Baxter**[5] (*Thomas*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Wethersfield, Conn., 23 March 1708,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Lattimore) Baxter. She died in Newington, Conn., after 31 March 1780 and before 4 February 1783, the date her husband's estate was distributed.[2]

Elizabeth Baxter married in Wethersfield, 25 August 1731, **Ephraim Whaples**[3], who was born in Wethersfield, probably the son of Ephraim and Mindwell Whaples.[4] He died in Newington before 31 March 1780, the date his will was probated.[5]

On 28 March 1729 Elizabeth Baxter signed a receipt for her legacy of £25 from her grandfather, Thomas Baxter of Yarmouth.[6]

Ephraim Whaples was a farmer. He lived in the section of Wethersfield which later became Newington. In his will dated 2 April 1755, probated 31 March 1780, Ephraim gave his land in Newington to his sons, Ephraim and Elisha. His wife, Elizabeth Whaples, was given her dower thirds but died before the estate was distributed, 4 February 1783. Two daughters, Hannah and Huldah, were mentioned in the will but only Huldah was living in 1783. By that time, Elisha also having died, Ephraim was called his father's only surviving son.[7]

Children (**Whaples**), born in Wethersfield, Conn.:[8]

i. **Hannah**[6], born 14 July 1732.
ii. **Huldah**, born 25 September 1733.
iii. **Ephraim**, born 22 April 1736.
iv. **Elisha**, born 8 September 1737.

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190. **Thomas Baxter**[5] (*Thomas*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 19 December 1710,[1] the son of Thomas Baxter and Hannah Crowell. He is certainly the Thomas Baxter who died in Yarmouth 1 April 1781.[2]

Thomas Baxter, called "son of Thomas Baxter of Yarmouth," married in Yarmouth (intentions) 8 November 1740 **Zilpha Nickerson** of Chatham,[3] who was born there, the daughter of William and Hannah Nickerson of Chatham.[4] She died after 1 October 1758.[5]

Thomas Baxter was one of the children whom his father "had by Hannah Crowell," in Yarmouth, before he was divorced by his first wife, Mary Lattimore, in Wethersfield, Conn.[6] This Thomas Baxter was probably the man called "Thomas Baxter, Junr.," who witnessed the will of his father's half-sister, Thankful (Sturgis) Thacher, on 13 April 1745.[7] This would seem to indicate that his father of the same name was living in Yarmouth at that date.

It has been said that this Thomas Baxter moved to Carmel, New York, near the Oblong, in 1762, but no proof has been found. There were other unrelated Thomas Baxters in the Oblong, descendants of the pirate, Thomas Baxter of New York City and Wethersfield, Conn. The pirate has been confused with our Thomas Baxter of Yarmouth who married Temperance (Gorham) Sturgis as her second husband. The pirate Thomas Baxter's son of the same name was the same age as Thomas Baxter of Yarmouth. He founded Westchester, N.Y. and left many descendants in and near the Oblong.[8] Their descendants were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Many Nickerson relatives of the wife of the Thomas Baxter discussed here moved to the Oblong, but Thomas and Zilpha's children married Yarmouth and Nantucket people, seeming to indicate that this family remained in the vicinity of Cape Cod.

No probate records have been found for Thomas and Zilpha Baxter.

Children (**Baxter**), born in the part of Yarmouth, Mass., that is now Dennis, Mass.:[9]

i. **Benjamin**[6], born 20 September 1741.
ii. **Reuben**, born 2 May 1745.
iii. **Stephen**, born 1 July 1748.
iv. **Ruth**, born 5 June 1751.
v. **Thomas**, born 3 September 1755.
vi. **Zilpha**, born 1 October 1758.

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191. **Cornelius Baxter**[5] (*Thomas*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 30 November 1712,[1] the son of Thomas Baxter and Hannah Crowell. He died in Yarmouth in November 1796.[2]

Cornelius Baxter married in Yarmouth, (intentions) 21 February 1746/7 **Joanna Marchant**, "both of this town."[3] Joanna was probably born in Yarmouth, the daughter of Samuel and Joanna (Gage) Marchant.[4] She died after May 1772 when her youngest child was baptized in the West Yarmouth church.[5]

Joanna was called "Johanna Baxter" in her father's will dated 28 April 1756.[6] No probate records have been found in Barnstable County for Cornelius and Joanna Baxter.

Note: Cornelius Baxter did not marry in Yarmouth, (intentions) 12 February 1737 Dorkis Gage, daughter of Ebenezer Gage, as stated by Stiles in his *History of Wethersfield*. Instead, Dorkis Gage married Isaac Baker, as is shown by the will of her father, Ebenezer Gage, who called his daughter "Dorcas Baker" in his will dated 28 April 1756.[7]

Children (**Baxter**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., all but the first child baptized in the West Yarmouth church:[8]

i. **Martha**[6], born 26 November 1747.
ii. **Jerusha**, born 15 December 1749, bapt. 27 September 1767.
iii. **Hannah**, born 25 October 1752, bapt. 27 September 1767.
iv. **Mary/Moley**, born 25 October 1754, bapt. 27 September 1767.
v. **Barnabas**, born 13 January 1758, bapt. 27 September 1767.
vi. **Cornelius**, born 16 April 1760, bapt. 27 September 1767.
vii. **Thankful**, born 5 February 1763, bapt. 27 September 1767.
viii. **Nathaniel**, born 17 April 1765, bapt. 27 September 1767.
ix. **David**, born 15 April 1767, bapt. 27 September 1767.
x. **Marcy**, born 22 December 1772 (*sic*), bapt. 3 May 1772 (*sic*).

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192. **Leah Baxter**[5] (*Thomas*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 17 December 1710,[1] the daughter of Thomas Baxter and Hannah Crowell. She died sometime after 7 August 1748.[2]

Leah Baxter had a son named Simeon Berry whose birth was recorded in Yarmouth records 12 July 1739.[3] Nine years later, on 7 August 1748, he was baptized in the West Yarmouth church as "Simeon, son of Leah Baxter, illegitimate."[4] This child may be the Simeon Baxter who was reared in the family of Leah's brother, Malachi and Thankful (O'Kelley) Baxter. Simeon's birthdate does not appear in Yarmouth records with the rest of Malachi's children, although a guardian was appointed for him along with the other minor children of Malachi and Thankful Baxter.[5]

Child (**Berry/Baxter**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[6]

i. **Simeon**[6], born 12 July 1739, bapt. 7 August 1748.

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1. *Yarmouth VR* 1:58. 2. *Mayflower Source Recs.*, 654. 3. *Yarmouth VR* 1:88. 4. *Mayflower Source Recs.*, 654. 5. *Yarmouth VR* 1:88; Barnstable Co. Prob. 7:352; 9:330, 331 (Malachi Baxter); 7:377-84 (Guardianships). 6. *Mayflower Source Recs.*, 654.

193. **Malachi Baxter**[5] (*Thomas*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 30 April 1718,[1] the son of Thomas Baxter and Hannah Crowell. He died in Yarmouth in 1755.[2]

Malachi Baxter married in Yarmouth 16 March 1738/9 (intentions 28 January 1738/9) **Thankful O'Kelley/Okeley,**[3] who was born there 30 June 1722,[4] the daughter of Amos and Abigail O'Kelley. Thankful died in Yarmouth before 1755.[5]

Malachi Baxter of Yarmouth, blacksmith, died intestate. Isaac Taylor was named administrator of Malachi's estate, 4 July 1755. Division was made 19 March 1757. Seven children, not named, shared in the estate, the eldest being given a double portion. Guardians were appointed for Abigail, Simeon, Hannah, John, Jedediah, David and Malachi.[6] Son Simeon's birth was not recorded in Yarmouth records with the rest of Malachi's children, seeming to indicate that he may have been the illegitimate son of Malachi's sister, Leah, born 12 July 1739, named Simeon Berry.[7]

Children (**Baxter**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[8]

i. **Rebecca**[6], born 26 December 1739, died in November 1742.
ii. **David**, born 12 November 1741.
iii. **Hannah**, born 26 May 1744.
iv. **Abigail**, born 26 June 1746.
v. **Malachi**, born 19 June 1748.
vi. **John**, born 12 July 1750.
vii. **Jedediah**, born 26 August 1753.

viii. ?**Simeon**, named in Malachi's probate records.

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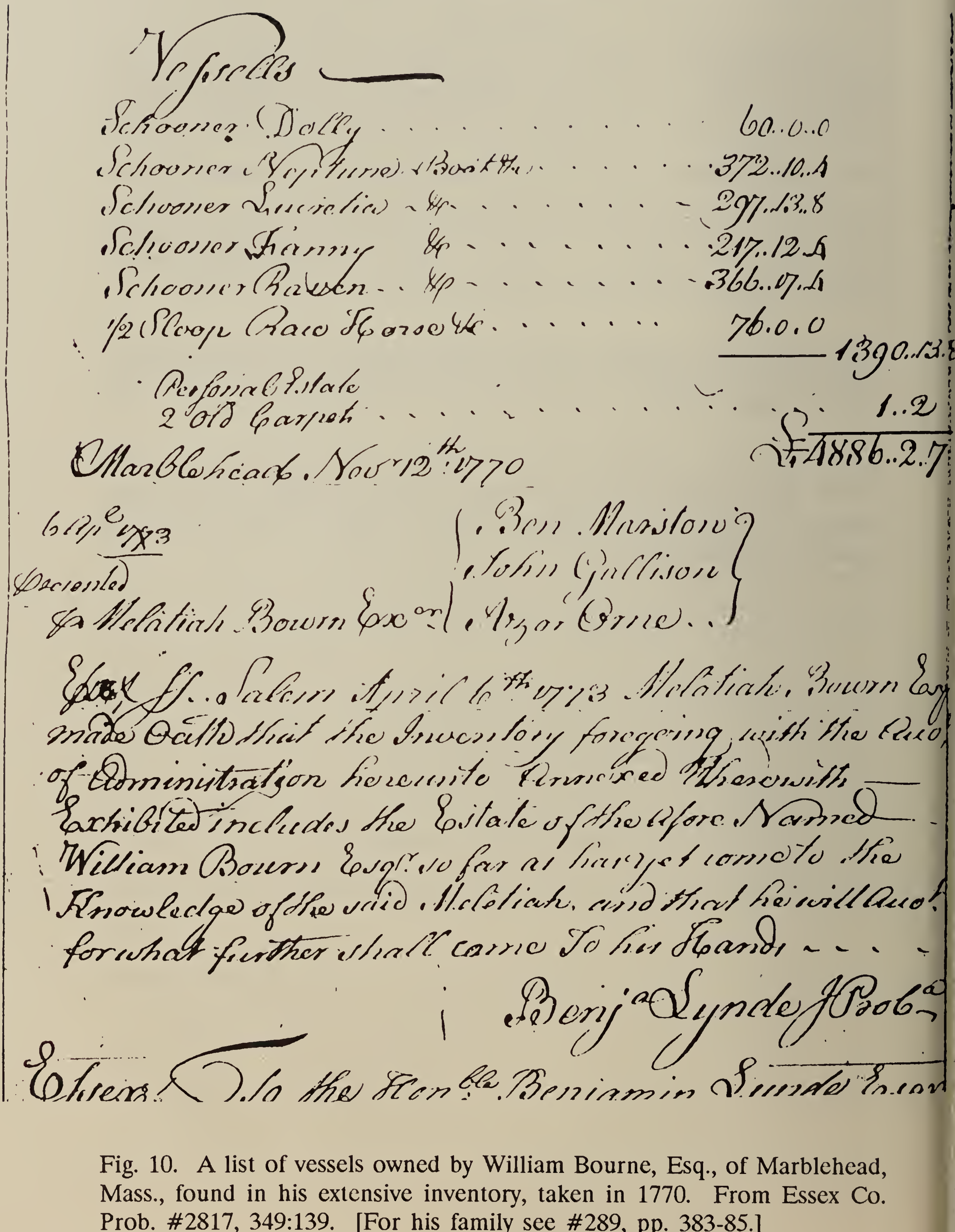
1. *Yarmouth VR* 1:58. 2. Barnstable Co. Prob. 7:352; 9:330, 331 (Malachi Baxter). 3. *Yarmouth VR* 1:151, 179. 4. Ibid. 1:70. 5. Not mentioned in husband's probate records. 6. Barnstable Co. Prob. 7:352; 9:330, 331 (Malachi Baxter); 7:377-84 (Guardianships). 7. *Yarmouth VR* 1:88. 8. Ibid. 1:88; Gorham MS 2:42 does not include a son named Simeon.

Note: The children of #31-Shubael Baxter[4] (*Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) who married #55-Elizabeth (Gorham[4]) Downs (*Jabez Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) as her second husband, appear under Elizabeth's account, in sequence with her children by her first husband, William Downs. [See pages 103-5.]

194. [Also 316.] **Thankful Baxter**[5-5] married first, #77-**Thomas Thacher**[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) which is where her sketch appears on pages 136-38.

195. [Also 317.] **Richard Baxter**[5-5] married #181-**Jane/Jeney Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) which is where his sketch appears on pages 258-59.



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Schooner Fanny &c	217..12..6
Schooner Raven .. &c	366..07..4
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Marblehead. Novr 12th 1770

6 Apl 1773 Presented by Melatiah Bourn Execr — Ben Marston, John Gallison, Azor Orne

Essex ss. Salem April 6th 1773 Melatiah Bourn Esq made Oath that the Inventory foregoing with the acco of Administration herewith Annexed Wherewith — Exhibited includes the Estate of the afore Named — William Bourn Esqr so far as hath yet come to the Knowledge of the said Melatiah, and that he will accot for what further shall come to his Hands — — —

Benja Lynde J Proba

Essex: To the Honble Beniamin Lynde Esqr

Fig. 10. A list of vessels owned by William Bourne, Esq., of Marblehead, Mass., found in his extensive inventory, taken in 1770. From Essex Co. Prob. #2817, 349:139. [For his family see #289, pp. 383-85.]

17. The Grandchildren of Elizabeth Gorham[3]

196. **Jonathan Fuller**[5] (*Mary Hallett*[4], *Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 10 March 1692,[1] the son of Jabez and Mary (Hallett) Fuller. He died after 14 April 1733, when he sold his homestead in Middleboro, Mass., to Josiah Wood.[2]

Jonathan Fuller married first, in Middleboro 14 February 1711/12 **Eleanor Bennett**,[3] who was born in Middleboro 18 December 1689,[4] the daughter of John and Deborah (Graves/Grover) Bennett. Eleanor died in Middleboro 28 September 1726, in her 38th year.[5]

Jonathan Fuller married second, in Middleboro 17 December 1729 **Hannah Harlow**,[6] called "both of Middleboro." Hannah's parentage has not been established.

In the division of his father's intestate estate in Middleboro, dated 20 June 1712, Jonathan was called "second son."[7]

When his older brother, Samuel, died "without wife or child," Jonathan was named the administrator of his brother's estate 4 March 1714/5. In the division, after Samuel's debts were paid, Jonathan inherited all of Samuel's "two-thirds of the Housing & Lands being the homestead which was his father's in Middleborough, and also all the other Lands & meadows which were the said Samuel Fuller's in Middleborough & Plimpton formerly settled upon the said Samuel." In return, Jonathan was to pay his mother, his brother and his sisters £4-17-6 each.[8]

Because his father, Jabez Fuller, had property in Barnstable, a separate settlement was filed there, 17 February 1720/1, in which "one certain Lott of the Late Division of the common lands" in Barnstable, the eldest son having died without issue, £19 remained to be divided among the children. At the desire of the widow, Mary Fuller, relict, and Jonathan, "the eldest son now surviving," the lot of land was settled on Jabez Wood and Marcy, his wife, one of the daughters, who were ordered to pay £3-16 to each of her brothers and sisters, Jonathan and Ebenezer Fuller, Mary Barse (*sic*) and Lois Fuller.[9]

On 29 February 1719 Jonathan Fuller and his wife, Eleanor, sold to James Soule of Middleboro for £28 two lots of land, #30th and #78th, which originally had belonged to John Nelson.[10] On 5 July 1727, Jonathan Fuller of Middleboro sold to John Cox of Middleboro for £120 a parcel of land, meadow and swampy ground in Middleboro.[11] On 14 April 1733, Jonathan Fuller of Middleboro, sold to Josiah Wood for £155

a tract of land of 40 acres which was the homestead where Jonathan Fuller then lived.[12] On 30 May 1735, a deed was recorded, dated 13 May 1719(?), and acknowledged by Jonathan 25 May 1729, in which Jonathan Fuller, cordwainer, sold for £5-10 to Joseph Bennett, Jr., part of a meadow in Plimton (*sic*) which Jonathan's father, Jabez Fuller, had bought from Joseph's brother, John Bennett.[13]

No probate records were found in Plymouth County for Jonathan Fuller. He and his second wife may have moved elsewhere.

Children (**Fuller**), born in Middleboro, Mass.:[14]
By his first wife, Eleanor Bennett:

i. **Margaret**[6], born 17 November 1712.
ii. **Abigail**, born 11 March 1714/5.
iii. **Jabez**, born 22 July 1717.
iv. **Jonathan**, born 13 July 1719.
v. **Timothy**, born 29 June 1721.
vi. **Molly**, born 11 September 1725.

By his second wife, Hannah Harlow:

vii. **Eleanor**, born 25 February 1731/30 (*sic*).
viii. **Ebenezer**, born 22 July 1732.

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197. **Mercy Fuller**[5] (*Mary Hallett*[4], *Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 1 April 1696,[1] the daughter of Jabez and Mary (Hallett) Fuller. She died before 3 November 1737,[2] the date her husband married a second wife.

Mercy Fuller married in Middleboro, Mass., 5 April 1716 **Jabez Wood**,[3] called "son of Samuel Wood" in marriage record. He was born in Middleboro in 1690,[4] the son of Samuel and Rebecca (Morton) Wood. Jabez Wood, "of Middleboro," married, second in Ipswich, Mass., (intentions) 3 November 1737 Mary Thompson "of Chebacco."[5] Jabez died after 1737.[6]

Mercy's father, Jabez Fuller, died intestate in Middleboro before 15 September 1711. Her mother, widow Mary Fuller, was named Mercy's guardian, 20 June 1712, Mercy being "over fourteen."[7] Mercy was called

"eldest daughter" in the division of her father's estate in Plymouth County, also dated 20 June 1712.[8] A separate settlement of the property owned by the estate of Jabez Fuller in Barnstable County, was made 17 February 1720/1. By that date Mercy had married Jabez Wood and she and her husband were given the Barnstable land in return for paying £3-16 to each of her surviving brothers and sisters, named as Jonathan Fuller, Ebenezer Fuller, Lois Fuller and Mary Bearse. A receipt to the administratrix, widow Mary Fuller, was signed by Jabez and Marcy Wood 11 May 1721.[9]

This Jabez Wood was called "Senior" to distinguish him from a younger Jabez Wood, "Junior," who was born in 1721, the son of David and Mary (Barker) (Pratt) (Coombs) Wood, who married Hannah Nelson,[10] daughter of Thomas and Hope (Huckins) Nelson, who was also a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger, John Howland.

Children (**Wood**), born in Middleboro, Mass., all by his first wife:[11]

i. **Rebecca**[6], born 5 April 1719 (twin).
ii. **Mary**, born 5 April 1719 (twin).
iii. **Jabez**, born 20 June 1721.
iv. **Henry**, born 5 July 1723.
v. **Joseph**, born 24 September 1725 (twin).
vi. **Benjamin**, born 24 September 1725 (twin).
vii. **Ebenezer**, born 6 October 1729.
viii. **Cornelius**, born 22 November 1731.

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198. **Mary Fuller**[5] (*Mary Hallett*[4], *Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., in 1699,[1] the daughter of Jabez and Mary (Hallett) Fuller. She died in Barnstable before 12 November 1726,[2] the date her husband married a second wife.

Mary Fuller married in Barnstable 19 March 1719 **James Bearse**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 3 October 1692,[4] the son of Joseph and Martha (Taylor) Bearse. James Bearse married second, in Barnstable (intentions) 12 November 1726 Thankful Linnell,[5] by whom he had James, Lemuel and Thankful Bearse,[6] not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. James Bearse died in Barnstable 11 October 1758, aged 66 years.[7]

Mary Fuller was called "second daughter aged about thirteen" when her mother, widow Mary Fuller was named as her guardian, after the death of her father, Jabez Fuller, 20 June 1712.[8] In the settlement of her father's property in Barnstable County, 17 February 1720/1, she was called "Mary Barse."[9] Many years after the death of his first wife, James Bearse was admitted to the Barnstable East Precinct Church 22 August 1742.[10]

In his will dated 13 September 1758, probated 7 November 1758, James Bearse of Barnstable mentioned his second wife, Thankful, his son by his first wife, Jabez Bearse, his son by his second wife, Lemuel Bearse, and his married daughter by his second wife, Thankful Lumbert (*sic*). He gave his son, Jabez, "the place he now lives upon that was formerly Augustin Bearce's, dec'd." Other real estate was divided between Jabez and Lemuel. He gave his daughter by his second wife, Thankful Lumbart, £10¼ and his "indoor goods." He gave his Indian maid, Abigail Pees, to his second wife, Thankful. Son Lemuel was named sole executor. Witnesses were Thomas Phinney, Solomon Hamblin and Solomon Otis.[11]

Child (**Bearse**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[12]

i. **Jabez**[6], born 20 February 1720/1.

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199. **Lois Fuller**[5] (*Mary Hallett*[4], *Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 23 September 1704,[1] the daughter of Jabez and Mary (Hallett) Fuller. She died in Plymouth, Mass., 21 September 1743.[2]

Lois Fuller married in Barnstable 25 November 1725 (intentions Barnstable 15 October 1725, Plymouth 16 October 1725) **Thomas Foster**,[3] who was born in Plymouth 19 March 1705,[4] the son of John and Hannah (Stetson) Foster. Deacon Thomas Foster died of smallpox in Plymouth 24 or 25 January 1777, in his 74th year.[5]

Lois Fuller's father, Jabez Fuller of Middleboro, formerly of Barnstable, died when she was a child. When the division of his intestate estate was made, 20 June 1712, Lois was called "youngest daughter." She was "under nine" when her mother was named as her guardian in Middleboro, on the same day.[6] She was not yet married when she shared in the proceeds of her father's property in Barnstable 17 February 1720/1.[7]

Lois Fuller's husband, Thomas Foster, has been confused with two other men of the same name, one of whom was his son, the other being the Thomas Foster who married "Mrs. Mary Morton of Plymouth," by whom he had eleven children before he died in 1796, all of whom have been erroneously credited to Lois Fuller's husband as the offspring of a second marriage, which would have given him a total of twenty children.[8] The Thomas Foster who married Lois Fuller was a prosperous blacksmith and a deacon of the church. He served on the committee to rebuild Harvard Hall, located at Harvard College, from which his son, Thomas, graduated with the Class of 1745. Deacon Thomas Foster became a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Plymouth, and represented Plymouth in the General Court for many years. He was a Loyalist and a supporter of Thomas Hutchinson until a mob chased him into the woods, forcing him to recant.[9] The son, Thomas Foster, on 7 November 1747, married Mercy Wetherell and became a school teacher and notary public for the port of Plymouth. He was a Loyalist like his father, but did not recant, and fled to safety in Boston early in October 1775, after the beginning of the American Revolution. Young Thomas sailed to Halifax with the British fleet in 1776, a "family of one." He died in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at about the same time his father, Deacon Thomas Foster, died of smallpox in Plymouth, 24 January 1778.[10] Mercy Foster, the widow of the younger Thomas Foster, was appointed administratrix for her husband's estate in Plymouth, 17 July 1778. In his probate records, the younger Thomas Foster was called "Thomas Foster, late of Plymouth, gentleman." On 15 December 1779, Mercy Foster presented the inventory and showed the estate to be insolvent. On 17 June 1780, "a list of claims on the estate of Mr. Thomas Foster, junr, late of Plymouth, deceased," was presented to the court by Thomas Mayhew, Jr., and William LeBaron.[11] This proves that the probate records filed in Plymouth from 1778 to 1780 for Thomas Foster concerned the son, not the father. No probate records have been found for the father, Deacon Thomas Foster.

There was a third "Mr." Thomas Foster in Plymouth and it was he, not Lois Cobb's husband, who married in Plymouth 13 November 1744 "Mrs. Mary Morton, both of Plymouth,"[12] by whom he had eleven children, who were named Mary, who died young, Elizabeth, Salome, Mary, again, Seth, who died young, Job, Eunice, who died young, Seth, again, Philemon, Susannah and Eunice, again.[13] On 10 December 1796, James Prince of Plymouth, trader, was appointed as the administrator of the estate of [his father-in-law] Thomas Foster, late of Plymouth, Esquire.[14] This was certainly the same James Prince of Kingston, who had married in Plymouth (intentions) 27 January 1781 Eunice Foster of Plymouth,[15] who was born 15 April 1764,[16] the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Morton) Foster. On 28 March 1797, Mr. James Prince, administrator of the estate of

Thomas Foster, presented the inventory which consisted only of a pew on the lower floor of the meeting house in Plymouth, appraised at $125.00 by Nathaniel Goodwin, William LeBaron and Jonathan Tufts. On 6 August 1797, the estate of this Thomas Foster was declared to be insolvent.[17]

This proves that the Thomas Foster who married Lois Fuller and had eight children, and died in Plymouth in 1777, in his 74th year, did not marry second, Mrs. Mary Morton and have eleven more children, for Mary Morton's husband did not die until 1796.

Children (**Foster**), born in Plymouth, Mass.:[18]

i. **Thomas**[6], born 6 July 1727.
ii. **Elisha**, born 12 May 1730, died 19 November 1730.
iii. **Gershom**, born 23 September 1733, (also recorded in Barnstable), died 5 November 1739.
iv. **Lois**, born 9 June 1735.
v. **Deborah**, born 18 March 1736/7.
vi. **John**, born 29 January 1738/9, died 19 August 1739.
vii. **Gershom**, born 16 May 1740, died 5 November 1941.
viii. **Hannah**, born 1 March 1741/2, died 4 July 1742.

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200. **Ebenezer Fuller**[5] (*Mary Hallett*[4], *Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 20 February 1708/9,[1] the son of Jabez and Mary (Hallett) Fuller. He died after 17 February 1720/1, the date his father's property in Barnstable was distributed.[2]

No documented record for the marriage of this Ebenezer Fuller has been found. However, H. W. Brainard in his "Edward Fuller and his Descendants" states that this Ebenezer Fuller married in Barnstable 1 January *1729* Martha Jones and had four children named Martha who married Gamaliel Ewer, Ebenezer who married Deborah, Nathan who

married Mary, and Elizabeth.[3] No marriage record for this couple has been found in the Barnstable Town Hall, nor have birth records been discovered for these children. Neither are their baptisms recorded in the microfilmed Barnstable West Precinct church records.

Barnstable Town Records show that a different Ebenezer Fuller was married in Barnstable (intentions) 1 January *1724/5*, to Martha Jones.[4] Ebenezer Fuller and his wife, Martha, (Mariah written over Martha) had children registered in Barnstable named David, born 6 February 1725/6, Jonathan, born 9 April 1729, Daniel, born 16 September 1731, John, born 3 June 1734, William, born 27 September 1736, and Jean, born 12 January 1739.[5] Furthermore, their first three sons, David, Jonathan and Daniel Fuller, were baptized together in the Barnstable West Precinct Church, 24 March 1733, "of Maria, wife of Eben Fuller." Their son, John Fuller, was baptized there 7 July 1734, William was baptized 7 November 1736, and Jane (*sic*), 30 March 1740, all called "of Maria, wife of Ebenezer."[6] This Ebenezer Fuller died young and his son, David Fuller, on 28 April 1741, chose his uncle, Samuel Fuller, to be his guardian.[7] Our Ebenezer's brother, Samuel, died before 4 March 1714/5,[8] so this is a different Ebenezer. Amos Otis says that this Ebenezer Fuller was the son of Barnabas and Elizabeth (Young) Fuller.[9] Furthermore, our Ebenezer Fuller would have been not quite fifteen years of age when this Ebenezer Fuller was married — possible for our Ebenezer, but not probable.

Our Ebenezer Fuller's father, Jabez Fuller of Middleboro, formerly of Barnstable, died intestate in Middleboro before 15 June 1711. Ebenezer's mother was named as his guardian, 20 June 1712, Ebenezer being under five years of age. Ebenezer was called "third son" when his father's estate was divided in Middleboro, on the same day.[10] Ebenezer was called "younger son" when he shared in the division of his father's property in Barnstable, 17 February 1721/1.[11]

No further documented records have been found for this Ebenezer Fuller. He may have died young, after 1721.

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201. **Gideon Cobb**[5] (*Lois Hallett*[4], *Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 11 April 1691,[1] the son of Henry and Lois (Hallett) Cobb. He died in Canterbury, Conn., 22 February 1759, aged 67 years, and was buried there.[2]

Gideon Cobb married in Canterbury 25 September 1717 **Margaret Fish,**[3] who was baptized in Stonington, Conn., 18 April 1695,[4] the daughter of John Fish, Jr., and his wife, Margaret. She died in Canterbury 30 November 1775, aged 81 years.[5]

Gideon's wife, Margaret Fish, was sometimes called Margaret Cleveland because her mother married second, Samuel Cleveland of Canterbury, Conn.[6]

Capt. Gideon Cobb was a blacksmith. He and his wife were admitted into membership in the First Congregational Church of Stonington 19 October 1718. On 12 June 1726 Gideon Cobb and his wife were dismissed to the church in Canada, the Windham Village Church now in Hampton, Conn., where they were accepted 31 July 1726.[7] Margaret, the wife of Gideon Cobb, was admitted to the church in Canterbury, Conn., 30 January 1737.[8]

Gideon Cobb was one of the administrators of the intestate estate of his father, Henry Cobb of Stonington, and signed the administrator's bond 28 October 1725. An accounting dated 8 January 1716, listed "of what Gideon has had."[9]

In his will filed in the Plainfield, Conn., Probate District, Gideon Cobb mentioned his son, Gideon, who had moved to Paulet, Vermont, and who was bequeathed most of the property except his father's smith tools. Daughter Abigail was given £10 to be paid by son Elkanah, who received the smith tools mentioned above. Sons Gideon and Elkanah were to divide their father's books equally.[10]

Children (Cobb):[11]

i. **Gideon**[6], born in Stonington, Conn., 8 July 1718, bapt. 19 October 1718.
ii. **Elkanah**, born in Groton, Conn., 20 August 1723.
iii. **Abigail**, mentioned in father's will.

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202. **Eunice Cobb**[5] (*Lois Hallett*[4], *Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass. 18 September 1693,[1] the daughter of

Henry and Lois (Hallett) Cobb. She died in Stonington, Conn., 1 February 1759, and was buried in the Gallup Cemetery in Groton, Conn.[2]

Eunice Cobb married in Stonington 11 January 1716 **Benadam Gallup,**[3] who was born in Stonington 18 April 1693,[4] the son of Benadam and Hester (Prentice) Gallup. Benadam died in Stonington 30 September (or 30 July) 1755, and was buried in the Gallup Cemetery.[5]

Eunice's father, Henry Cobb of Stonington, died intestate, 24 September 1725. The accounting of his estate included a list "of what Eunice has had," dated 8 January 1716.[6] This was apparently given to her when she married Benadam Gallup.

Benadam and Eunice Gallup moved to Groton, Conn., before 1728. On 10 November 1728, Adam (*sic*) Gallup and his wife, Eunice, were admitted into full communion with the Groton Congregational Church.[7]

Lt. Benadam Gallup, called yeoman, was an affluent man. He and his wife lived in the area of Groton which, at that time, was near the Stonington town line. When Groton was divided, this area became Ledyard. His son, Col. Benadam Gallup, died 29 March 1800, at 83 years of age, and his grandson, Dr. Benadam Gallup, died 18 April 1818, aged 77 years. Both were buried in the Gallup Cemetery there.[8]

In his will dated 28 August 1755, proved 12 November 1755, Benadam Gallup, yeoman, gave his wife, Eunice, her dower third part of the estate, and their negro girl, Chloe. Among other things, son Benadam Gallup was given four acres of land in Groton; son Henry Gallup was to receive part of the land whereon he lived; William Gallup and Thomas Prentice Gallup were given land to be equally divided between them; Nathan was given the land on which he dwelled; and Ebenezer was given all lands remaining in Plainfield. Land which Benadam owned in Groton, Plainfield and New London, Connecticut, and in Kings County, Rhode Island were part of the estate. Bequests of £1000 old tenor were given to his daughters Esther Miner, Eunice Frink, Hannah Allyn, and Sarah Gallup. Grandson Benadam Gallup was given his grandfather's silver-headed cane and Benadam Miner was to have his grandfather's "shew buckles." On 21 December 1757 Robert Allyn, Jr., signed a receipt with his wife, Hannah, for her share, and Park Allyn signed a receipt with his wife, Sarah, for her share.[9]

Children (**Gallup**), recorded in Groton, Conn., and mentioned in father's probate records:[10]

i. **Benadam**[6], born 26 October 1716; served as a Major in the Revolution.[11]
ii. **Esther**, born 24 February 1718, married Samuel Minor, widower of Elizabeth Denison [See #351, pages 461-62].
iii. **Eunice**, born 29 March 1721 (twin).

iv. **Lois**, born 29 March 1721 (twin); not mentioned in her father's will.
v. **William**, born 4 July 1723; served in the Revolution from Pennsylvania.[12]
vi. **Henry**, born 5 October 1725.
vii. **Nathan**, bapt. 5 May 1728; served as a Colonel in the Revolution.[13]
viii. **Ebenezer**, mentioned in his father's will.
ix. **Thomas Prentice**, bapt. 28 July 1734.
x. **Hannah**, mentioned in her father's will.
xi. **Sarah**, mentioned in her father's will.

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203. **Lois Cobb**[5] (*Lois Hallett*[4], *Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 2 March 1696,[1] the daughter of Henry and Lois (Hallett) Cobb. She died in Stonington, Conn., after 24 September 1748, the date on which she was called "widow Lois Stanton" in the records of the intestate estate of her brother, Elkanah Cobb.[2]

Lois Hallett married in Stonington, as his second wife, 19 March 1718 **Samuel Stanton**,[3] who was born in Stonington 16 June 1683,[4] the son of Samuel and Borodell (Denison) Stanton. Samuel Stanton had married first, in Brookline 20 May 1711 Sarah Gardner, daughter of Thomas Gardner of Brookline, who died in Stonington 11 November 1716, and by whom he had Borodel, Sarah and Mary Stanton, not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[5] Samuel Stanton drowned in the Pawcatuck River 3 July 1736.[6]

Lois's father, Henry Cobb of Stonington, died intestate 24 September 1725. In his estate records there is a list "of what Loes (*sic*) has had," dated in January 1719.[7] This was apparently her marriage settlement, similar to her sister's list.

Samuel Stanton died intestate. On 14 August 1736 Lois Stanton gave her bond of £1000, with her brother-in-law, Benadam Gallup as surety, as the administratrix of the estate of her husband, Samuel Stanton, Jr., "late of Stonington, who died 3 July 1736." On the same day Mrs. Lois Stanton presented an inventory to the court of probate in New London, which included a house, orchard and land at Pawcatuck, valued at £3000-0-0. The inventory was taken 10 July 1736 by Samuel Hinckley and Joseph Palmer. On the same day, 14 August 1736, Lois Stanton gave her bond

of £300 for the estate of Samuel Stanton, Sr., her father-in-law, with Benadam Gallup again acting as surety.[8]

Lois's brother, Elkanah Cobb, died before 5 September 1748. One of the debts listed in his probate records was owed to his sister, "widow Lois Stanton," for a horse she had sold to him.[9]

Children (**Stanton**), born in Stonington, Conn., and baptized in the First Church of Stonington:[10]

i. **Samuel**[6], born 14 May 1719, bapt. 12 July 1719.
ii. **Andrew**, born 4 July 1721, bapt. 6 May 1722.
iii. **Lois**, born 9 April 1725, bapt. 27 June 1725.
iv. **Eunice**, born 1 July 1728, bapt. 11 August 1728.
v. **Nathan**, born 2 April 1732, bapt. 28 May 1732.

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204. **Henry Cobb**[5] (*Lois Hallett*[4], *Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland*, *John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 13 April 1710, baptized 28 May 1710,[1] the son of Henry and Lois (Hallett) Cobb. He died in Stonington about 1772.[2]

Henry Cobb married first, in Stonington, about 1732 **Mary Babcock**,[3] who was born in Stonington 8 February 1713,[4] the daughter of Oliver and Susannah (Clark) Babcock of Westerly, Rhode Island. Mary died in Stonington in 1760.[5] Henry married second, in Stonington, 2 March 1768 **Prudence Champlin**,[6] who has not been identified.

Henry Cobb's brother, Nathan, died 15 November 1726. In his will, dated 2 November 1726, Nathan gave Henry his shop and smith tools.[7] His brother, Ebenezer, died two days after Nathan. In his will, dated 7 November 1726, Ebenezer gave Henry his working clothes, sheep and a saddle.[8]

On 17 May 1774, Prudence Cobb, Henry's second wife, signed a petition with her two step-sons, Elkanah and Ebenezer Cobb, and other neighbors who lived on Long Point, requesting that the General Assembly of Connecticut, allow Stonington to be divided in order to establish a meeting house at Long Point.[9]

No probate records have been found for Henry Cobb.

Children (**Cobb**), all by his first wife, Mary Babcock, born in Stonington, Conn.:[10]

i. **Nathan**[6], born 12 June 1734.
ii. **Susannah**, born 10 (or 15) November 1735.
iii. **Lois**, born 24 October 1737 [Barbour Collection mistakenly says "Lewis, s. Henry"].
iv. **Mary**, born 15 February 1739/40.
v. **Ebenezer**, born 30 March 1742.
vi. **Oliver**, born 13 March 1743/4.
vii. **Elkanah**, born 6 March 1746.
viii. **Eunice**, born 3 August 1748 [Barbour Collection says "no given name, called s. Henry"].
ix. **Sarah**, born 30 September 1750.
x. **Anna**, born 4 June 1756.

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205. **Hallett Cobb**[5] (*Lois Hallett*[4], *Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 26 May 1719 and baptized 5 July 1719,[1] the son of Henry and Lois (Hallett) Cobb. He died after his marriage in Stonington in 1748/9, the last record found for him.[2]

Hallett Cobb married in Stonington 13 February 1748/9 **Bridget Champlin**[3], who has not been identified.

Hallett Cobb's brother, Nathan, died 15 November 1726. In his will dated 2 November 1726, proved 21 November 1726, Nathan gave Hallett his wearing apparel and his shoe buckles.[4] His brother, Ebenezer, died two days after Nathan. In his will dated 7 November 1726, proved 21 November 1726, Ebenezer gave Hallett the land which he had given to his mother, during her life.[5]

No probate records nor record of any children have been found for Hallett and Bridget Cobb.

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18. The Grandchildren of James Gorham[3]

206. **Thankful Gorham**[5-5] (*James*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Joyce*[4], *Elizabeth Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 25 May 1711, and baptized in May 1714 in the West Barnstable Church, the daughter of James and Mary (Joyce) Gorham. She died before 8 December 1801, the date her third husband's estate was settled.

Thankful Gorham married first, in Barnstable, 2 July 1730 (intentions 30 May 1730) **Thomas Hawes**[5], who was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 16 May 1701, the son of Joseph Hawes[4] (*Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Mary Howes. Thomas Hawes died in Yarmouth 28 January 1746/7, in his 46th year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.

[For the record of this family see #104, pages 177-78.]

207. **Isaac Gorham**[5-5] (*James*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Joyce*[4], *Elizabeth Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Barnstable, Mass., 17 April 1715,[1] the son of James and Mary (Joyce) Gorham and a twin with his brother, Hezekiah. Isaac died in Scotland in January 1753.[2]

Isaac Gorham married first, in Yarmouth, Mass., 24 January 1738 **Mary Hallett**[6],[3] who was born in Yarmouth 17 December 1717,[4] the daughter of John Hallett and his wife, Thankful Thacher[5] (*Thankful Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]. Mary died in Barnstable 19 August 1741.[5] [See #166:i, page 242.]

Isaac Gorham married second, in Barnstable in September 1742, as her first husband, **Mary Cobb**,[6] who was born in Barnstable 14 June 1721,[7] the daughter of Gershom and Hannah (Davis) Cobb. Mary married second, in Barnstable 3 February 1756/7 Lt. James Churchill.[9] Widow Mary (Cobb) (Gorham) Churchill was living in the Gorham house in Barnstable as late as 1804, as is proved by the will of her son, Col. James Gorham[6-6] of South Carolina.[10]

On 7 March 1741/2 Isaac Gorham was admitted to membership in the East Church in Barnstable where his wife was also a member.[11]

In his will dated 11 December 1751, proved 7 August 1753, Isaac Gorham mentioned his dearly beloved [second] wife, Mary, who was given one-third of his property. He also mentioned his daughters, Mary,

Thankful and Sarah, and his son James, to whom he gave all of his real estate, subject to his wife's dower rights. Wife Mary was named as sole executrix. Witnesses were Solomon Otis, Jesse Cobb and Solomon Otis, Jr.[12]

Children (**Gorham**), born and baptized in Barnstable, Mass.:[13]
By his first wife, Mary Hallett:

i. **Mary**[6-6-7], born about 1738.
ii. **Thankful**, born about 1741.

By his second wife, Mary Cobb:

iii. **Edward**[6-6], bapt. 11 September 1743; not mentioned in his father's will.
iv. **James**, bapt. 4 August 1745.
v. **Sarah**, bapt. 19 June 1748.
vi. **Hannah**, bapt. 17 June 1750; not mentioned in her father's will.

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208. **Hezekiah Gorham**[5-5] (*James*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Joyce*[4], *Elizabeth Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Barnstable, Mass., 17 April 1715,[1] the son of James and Mary (Joyce) Gorham and a twin with his brother, Isaac. Hezekiah died in Barnstable 30 November 1778, in his 67th year,[2] and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.

Hezekiah Gorham married in Barnstable, as her second husband, 12 May 1746 (intentions 18 March 1745/6) **Anah/Anna (Allen) Davis,**[3] who was born in Barnstable in 1718,[4] the daughter of James and Susannah (Lewis) Allen and the widow of John Davis[6] (*Mehitable Dimmock*[5], *Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) who was the son of John and Mehitable (Dimmock) Davis and also a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Anna died in Barnstable 21 April 1792, in her 74th year and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.[5] Anna had three children by her first husband, John Davis[6], named Josiah[7], John and Martha Davis, all descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. [See #145:ii, page 223.]

Hezekiah was a sea captain. He was admitted to the East Precinct Church in Barnstable 5 April 1761.[6] In his will dated 14 February 1772,

probated 6 February 1781, Hezekiah Gorham, yeoman, gave all of his property to his beloved wife, Anna Gorham. At her death it was to be divided among his five children, not named, at her discretion. Anna was made sole executrix. Witnesses were Solomon Otis, Nathaniel Lothrop and Catherine Otis.[7]

Anna Gorham, in her will dated 2 March 1792, probated 9 June 1792, named her two sons by her second husband, James Gorham and Jonathan Gorham, and her son by her first husband, Josiah Davis, "of Gorham, in the County of Cumberland." James and Jonathan Gorham shared most of their mother's real property, including her share in the grist mill. Her two daughters, Anna, wife of Silvanus Gorham, and Susannah, wife of Gorham Easterbrooks, were given all of her household furniture and wearing apparel. Her two sons by her second husband, James and Jonathan Gorham, were named joint executors.[8]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass., baptized in the East Church of Barnstable:[9]

i. **James**[6-6], bapt. 22 February 1746/7.
ii. **Anna**, bapt. 17 July 1748.
iii. **Lemuel**, bapt. 5 May 1751, died young.
iv. **Jonathan**, bapt. 4 February 1753.
v. **Susannah**, bapt. 21 April 1754.
vi. **Isaac**, bapt. 13 April 1760, died at sea, leaving no issue.

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209. **Mary Gorham**[5-5] (*James*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Joyce*[4], *Elizabeth Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born posthumously in Barnstable, Mass., 19 July 1719,[1] the daughter of James and Mary (Joyce) Gorham. She died in Yarmouth, Mass., 2 June 1795, in her 76th year, called "widow of Capt. Benjamin Lothrop."[2]

Mary Gorham married first, in Barnstable 25 January 1738/9 (intentions 5 November 1738) **Thomas Hedge**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 5 May 1719,[4] the son of Thomas and Hannah (Taylor) Hedge. This parentage is proved by three probate records — that of his grandfather, Elisha Hedge, that of his father's sister, Hannah Hedge, and that of his mother's brother,

Benjamin Taylor.[5] Thomas Hedge died in Yarmouth 15 June 1764, at 45 years of age.[6]

Mary married second, as his fourth wife, in Yarmouth 5 January 1769 **Thomas Hallett,**[7] who was born in Yarmouth in 1691,[8] the son of Jonathan and Abigail (Dexter) Hallett. His other wives were Sarah Hawes [see #101, pages 174-75], Hannah Gray and Desire Gorham [see #221, pages 299-300]. Thomas Hallett died in Yarmouth 10 April 1772.[9]

Mary married third, as his fourth wife, in Yarmouth 23 September 1779 (intentions 28 August 1779) Capt. Benjamin Lothrop "of Kingston,"[10] who was born in Barnstable 8 April 1704,[11] the son of John and Hannah (——) (Fuller) Lothrop. His previous wives were Experience Howland, Deborah Thomas and Ruth Putnam. Benjamin Lothrop died in Kingston, Mass., 23 September 1786, in his 84th year, still called "Capt."[12]

Mary's first husband, Thomas Hedge, was the father of all of her children. In his will dated 16 July 1761, proved 22 June 1764, Thomas Hedge mentioned his well-beloved wife, Mary Hedge, and his daughters Hannah, Mary, Sarah and Thankful, who were each to receive £20 at the age of 18 or their marriage, "all children to be brought up as if I myself were living, until 18 or married." Unmarried daughters were to live in his house. All remaining property was bequeathed to his son, Thomas Hedge. He named his wife, Mary, as sole executrix. Witnesses were James Taylor, John Beare [Bearse?] and Thankful Bassett. The inventory was taken 12 October 1764 and amounted to £728-10-10.[13]

Mary's second husband, Thomas Hallett, left a large estate. In his will dated 21 February 1770, proved 4 May 1772, he gave his wife, Mary Hallett, all of his real estate for life. After bequests to his nephews, he left the rest of his real and personal estate to his adopted son, Joshua Gray, nephew [or son] of his second wife, Hannah Gray, and husband of his step-daughter, Mary Hedge. [Mary Hedge was his fourth wife's daughter by her first husband, Thomas Hedge.][14] After the death of her third husband, Capt. Benjamin Lothrop, Mary returned to Barnstable and Yarmouth.[15]

Children (Hedge), all by her first husband, Thomas Hedge, born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[16]

i. **Mary**[6-6], born 30 June 1740, died 4 August 1740.
ii. **Thomas**, born 8 April 1742, died 19 April 1742.
iii. **Hannah**, born 20 July 1743.
iv. **Mary**, born 5 December 1745.
v. **Sarah**, born 21 May 1748.
vi. **Thankful**, born 17 February 1750/1.
vii. **Thomas**, born 14 April 1754.
viii. **James**, born 3 July 1758, drowned in 1761.

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210. **Mary Lothrop**[5] (*Experience Gorham*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 4 April 1701,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Experience (Gorham) Lothrop. She died in Barnstable 29 November 1789, in her 89th year,[2] and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.

Mary Lothrop married in Barnstable about 1720 **Ebenezer Taylor,**[3] who was born in Yarmouth about 1689,[4] the son of Richard and Hannah (——) Taylor. He died in Yarmouth 10 October 1770, in his 82nd year,[5] and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth.

Mary Taylor was called "loving daughter" by her father, Thomas Lothrop, in his will dated 24 May 1751.[6] Mary's husband, Ebenezer Taylor, served as a selectman in Yarmouth. In his will dated 1 November 1769, proved 10 November 1770, Ebenezer Taylor, yeoman, mentioned his wife, Mary Taylor, his sons, Daniel and Lothrop Taylor, his granddaughter Tamsin Taylor, and his grandson Lothrop Taylor.[7]

Children (**Taylor**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[8]

i. **Daniel**[6], born 28 October 1722 (*sic*).
ii. **Lothrop/Lathrop**, born 16 February 1722/3.

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211. **James Lothrop**[5] (*Experience Gorham*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 9 August 1703,[1] the son of Thomas and Experience (Gorham) Lothrop. He died at sea in April 1748.[2]

James Lothrop married in Barnstable 20 July 1732 **Patience Coleman,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 6 May 1709,[4] the daughter of James and Patience (Cobb) Coleman. Patience died in Barnstable 7 February 1788, in her 79th year.[5]

James Lothrop was a seaman. His wife, called "Mrs. James Lothrop," was admitted to the East Church in Barnstable 18 April 1736.[6]

James Lothrop's father, Thomas Lothrop, in his will dated 24 May 1751, mentioned the heirs of his son, James Lothrop, deceased.[7] No probate records have been found for either James or Patience Lothrop.

Children (**Lothrop**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[8]

i. **Deborah**[6], born 15 April 1733.
ii. **Mary**, born 6 April 1735.
iii. **James**, born 15 March 1737.
iv. **Martha**, bapt. 21 June 1741.
v. **Ebenezer**, born 15 May 1743.
vi. **David**, bapt. 7 October 1744.

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212. **Thomas Lothrop**[5] (*Experience Gorham*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 8 July 1705,[1] the son of Thomas and Experience (Gorham) Lothrop. He died perhaps in Boston, Mass., before 12 October 1743, the date his widow was appointed as administratrix of his estate.[2]

Thomas Lothrop probably married first, in Boston, 22 December 1726, **Elizabeth Norwood,**[3] who was born in Boston 7 May 1703,[4] the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Ingoldsbee) Norwood. Elizabeth died after 28 November 1728,[5] the date their daughter, Elizabeth, was born.

Thomas Lothrop married second, in Hingham, Mass., 3 June 1736 **Deborah Loring,**[6] who was born in Hingham 3 January 1717/8,[7] the daughter of Benjamin and Deborah (Cushing) Loring. Deborah married second, 31 March 1745, the Rev. Elisha Marsh,[8] of Narragansett Township (Westminster), Mass., by whom she had two more children, not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Deborah died in Westminster, Mass., in 1756, aged 39 years.[9]

On 6 January 1736, the Barnstable town officers voted to remit the rates (taxes) of Thomas Lothrop, Jr., indicating that he was no longer a resident

of Barnstable.[10] Thomas Lothrop was called "Thomas Lathrop, (*sic*) mariner of Boston," when he was appointed administrator for the intestate estate of his brother, Joseph Lathrop (*sic*) on 2 May 1737.[11] Deborah Lothrop, with her brother, Thomas Loring, Jr., and her sister, Mary Loring, singlewoman, bought land in Hingham from Benjamin Loring, gentleman, of Hingham.[12]

On 12 October 1743, Deborah Lathrop (*sic*) of Hingham, widow, was appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband, Thomas Lathrop, late of Boston, mariner, "lately died intestate."[13]

Thomas Lothrop's father, in his will dated 24 May 1751, provided that his grandson, Thomas Lothrop, son of Thomas Lothrop, deceased, was to receive 13 shillings 4 pence when he arrived at the age of twenty-one years.[14]

Children (**Lothrop**):
By his first wife, Elizabeth Norwood:[15]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born in Boston, Mass., 28 November 1728; not mentioned in grandfather Thomas Lothrop's will.

By his second wife, Deborah Loring:[16]

ii. **Thomas**, born in Hingham, Mass., 9 November 1738; mentioned in grandfather Thomas Lothrop's will.

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213. **Ansel Lothrop**[5] (*Experience Gorham*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., in July 1707,[1] the son of Thomas and Experience (Gorham) Lothrop. He died in Plymouth, Mass., before 27 September 1750,[2] the date when the administration of his estate was granted to his widow, Mary Lothrop.

"Mr. Anselm Lothrop" married in Plymouth 8 January 1735/6 (intentions 27 December 1735) "Mrs." **Mary Thomas**, being called "both of Plymouth."[3] Mary Thomas has not been identified.

Plymouth Church Records show that Mary Lothrop was admitted to membership in the First Church of Plymouth, 28 March 1742. Her husband, Ansel Lothrop, became a member 2 May 1742.[4]

Ansel Lothrop, mariner, died before his father, Thomas Lothrop, made his will, dated 24 May 1751, in which his father mentioned "the proper Heirs of my son Ansel Lothrop deceased . . . to be equally divided among them as they come to the age of Twenty one years."[5]

Letters of administration were granted Ansel's widow, Mary, in Plymouth 27 September 1750. The inventory, taken 3 June 1751, amounted to £650-14-13½ (*sic*). It included £400 in real estate and £69-7-6 for "4½ sixteenths" of a schooner named *Jolly Hobben*. One of the commissioners who signed the warrant was Ansel's brother-in-law, Samuel Bartlett Esq.[6]

In guardianship papers dated 16 September 1756, Mary and Betty Lothrop, minor daughters of Ancel (*sic*) Lothrop, each chose Ebenezer Spooner, mariner, as their guardian. On the same day Ebenezer Spooner of Plympton, Gentleman, was appointed as guardian of William, Lydia and Ansel Lothrop, minor children of Ansel Lothrop.[7]

On 16 May 1792, one-sixth part of the real estate of Ansel Lothrop, mariner, dec'd, lying in Plymouth, was ordered set off to Mary Lothrop, "one of the daughters." Assignment of the real estate was dated 5 July 1792.[8] Since there were five surviving children, the eldest son was apparently given a double share.

Children (**Lothrop**), born in Plymouth, Mass.:[9]

i. **Joseph**[6], born 22 July 1737, died 6 October 1738.
ii. **Mary**, born 1 October 1739.
iii. **Elizabeth**, born 14 August 1741.
iv. **Ansel**, born 16 March 1742/3.
v. **Joseph**, born 20 September 1745, bapt. 29 September 1745, died 18 November 1746.
vi. **William**, born 15 April 1746, bapt. 17 April 1746.
vii. **Lydia**, born 12 July 1750, bapt. 22 April 1750.

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214. **Joseph Lothrop**[5] (*Experience Gorham*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 8 December 1709,[1] the son of Thomas and Experience (Gorham) Lothrop. He died before 2 May 1737.[2]

This Joseph Lothrop was not the person of the same name who married Deborah Perkins in 1750, as has been stated. On 2 May 1737 Thomas Lathrop (*sic*), this Joseph's older brother, was appointed administrator of his intestate estate in which he was called "Joseph Lathrop, late of Boston, Mass., mariner, deceased."[3]

Joseph was not mentioned in the will of his father, Thomas Lothrop of Barnstable, dated 24 May 1751, nor were any heirs listed for him, as was the case with his deceased brothers, Thomas, Ansel and James Lothrop.[4] It can therefor be concluded that this Joseph Lothrop died without issue.

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215. **Seth Lothrop**[5] (*Experience Gorham*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., the last of March 1711/2,[1] the son of Thomas and Experience (Gorham) Lothrop. Seth died there before 29 October 1798.[2]

Seth Lothrop married first, in Barnstable 11 August 1737 (intentions 19 March 1736/7) **Mary Fuller**[5],[3] who was born in Barnstable 1 September 1715,[4], a twin with her sister, Bethiah[5], the daughter of Lt. John Fuller and his wife, Thankful Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #280, page 373.] Mary died in Barnstable 16 January 1763.[5] Mary Fuller was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller.

Seth Lothrop married second, in Sandwich, Mass., (intentions) 6 August 1763 another **Mary Fuller,**[6] who was born in Sandwich about 1714,[7] possibly the daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Bodfish) Fuller. The second Mary died in Barnstable 19 January 1809, "in her 85th yr.," (pencilled note states "age 93.")[8]

Seth Lothrop was the only son to survive his father, Thomas Lothrop, and was named executor of his estate.[9] Seth inherited all of his father's land in Barnstable. His first wife, Mary, was given £50 in the will of her father, Lt. John Fuller, to be paid to her by her brother, John Fuller. On 17 November 1737, Seth Lothrop and his wife, Mary Fuller, acknowledged receipt of the bequest.[10]

In 1762 Seth Lothrop's uncle, Joseph Gorham of Barnstable, died. In his will dated 9 January 1747, probated 4 January 1763, Joseph left all of his estate to his brother, Ebenezer Gorham. Seth Lothrop, as an heir-at-law through his mother, Experience (Gorham) Lothrop, appealed the will, claiming that Joseph Gorham was "of non sain memory." The Massachusetts Supreme Court in Boston, on 13 June 1765, disallowed Seth's claim.[11]

Seth Lothrop, yeoman, in his will dated 9 June 1798, proved 29 October 1798, named his second wife, Mary, his three sons, Nathaniel, John and Benjamin, and his two daughters, Thankful Howes, wife of Sturgis Howes, and Mary Childs, wife of Edward Childs. Executors were his sons, John and Benjamin Lothrop. Witnesses were John Easterbrooks, James Davis and Job Davis. The inventory was presented 8 November 1798. The widow's "articles" were delivered to her 5 September 1799, with the final inventory presented 25 February 1800.[12]

Children (**Lothrop**), all by his first wife, born or baptized in Barnstable, Mass., all surviving children mentioned in father's will:[13]

i. **Nathaniel**[6], born 27 December 1739.
ii. **Joseph**, born 1 May 1742; not in father's will.
iii. **John**, born 5 April 1745.
iv. **Thankful**, born 18 February 1746/7.
v. **Mary**, born 24 March 1748/9.
vi. **Benjamin**, bapt. 1 July 1753.

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216. **Lydia Lothrop**[5] (*Experience Gorham*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born about 1716 and baptized in Barnstable, Mass., 25 June 1725,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Experience (Gorham) Lothrop. She died in Sheffield, Mass., before 27 January 1792, the date her husband sold land to their daughter, Sarah, without Lydia signing for her dower rights.[2]

Lydia Lothrop married in Barnstable (also recorded in Lebanon, Conn.) 17 January 1733/4 (intentions Barnstable 24 November 1733) **Ebenezer Bacon**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 4 December 1708,[4] the son of Samuel and Sarah (Taylor) (Allen) Bacon. Ebenezer Bacon died in Sheffield, Mass., before 2 February 1799, the date his daughter Sarah Bacon, called him "deceased" when she sold property she had received from him.[5]

Lydia was admitted to the East Church in Barnstable 7 July 1734 and was dismissed to the church in Lebanon, Conn., 8 November 1747.[6] Her father, Thomas Lothrop, in his will dated 24 May 1751 called her "Lydia

Bacon," and gave her one-quarter of his personal estate, in addition to what she had already received.[7]

Ebenezer Bacon served as a surveyor in Barnstable, Mass., in 1743 and was on the petit jury in 1746,[8] before this family moved to Lebanon, Conn., about 1747. Ebenezer was recorded in Lebanon probate records between 27 December 1757 and 9 February 1762, petitioning for and being granted the guardianship of many minor children in Lebanon. In 1774 he became guardian of the younger children of his daughter, Martha, who had married about 1750 Seth Pope, by whom she had nine children before Seth was killed in an accident.[9] Ebenezer and Lydia Bacon left Lebanon before 1791 and went to Sheffield, Mass.[10]

On 27 January 1792, "Ebenezer Bacon, late of Lebanon, now of Sheffield in the county of Berkshire, Mass.," sold land in Lebanon to his daughter, Sarah Bacon of Lebanon. Witnesses were William Bacon and Oliver Bacon.[11] On 2 February 1799, Sarah Bacon sold land in Lebanon which she had obtained by deed "of my honoured father Ebenezer Bacon, deceased."[12]

No probate records were found for Ebenezer and Lydia Bacon in Berkshire County.

Children (**Bacon**), birth of first five recorded in Barnstable, Mass., all nine recorded in Lebanon, Conn.:[13]

i. **Martha**[6], born 6 November 1734.
ii. **Barnabas**, born 26 November 1735, died 28 July 1763.
iii. **Mary**, born 12 April 1738.
iv. **William**, born 6 April 1741.
v. **Marcy/Mercy**, born 24 July 1744.
vi. **Samuel**, born 29 March 1747.
vii. **Lydia**, born 2 August 1752.
viii. **Sarah**, born 23 January 1757.
ix. **Ebenezer**, born 2 September 1759.

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217. **Elizabeth Lothrop**[5] (*Experience Gorham*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born about 1718 and baptized in Barnstable, Mass., 25 June 1725,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Experience (Gorham) Lothrop. She

died in Plymouth, Mass., before 10 July 1793, the date her estate was entered for probate.[2]

Elizabeth Lothrop married first, in Barnstable 24 August 1739 (intentions 3 May 1738) **Thomas Wetherell** "of Plymouth,"[3] who was born in Plymouth 31 July 1715,[4] the son of Thomas and Rebecca (Knowles) Wetherell. Thomas died 9 or 10 May 1744, probably in Jamaica.[5]

Widow Elizabeth Wetherell married second, in Plymouth 24 November 1748 **Samuel Bartlett**,[6] called "both of Plymouth." Samuel Bartlett was born in 1696, the son of Joseph and Lydia (Griswold) Bartlett.[7] Samuel Bartlett had married first, in 1721, a wife with the same name, Elizabeth Lothrop, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Barnes) Lothrop, by whom he had six children, "born to Samuel Bartlett and Elizabeth, his first wife." They were Lothrop Bartlett, a still-born daughter, Elizabeth, Margaret, Hannah and Margaret again, all of whom died young.[8] Samuel Bartlett died in Plymouth before 10 April 1769,[9] the date his widow was appointed as administratrix of his estate.

Elizabeth Lothrop, "a young person," was admitted to the East Church in Barnstable 1 June 1735. On 18 February 1739 she was dismissed to the church in Plymouth where she was admitted 25 February 1739.[10]

Elizabeth's father, Thomas Lothrop, in his will dated 24 May 1751, proved 3 August 1757, called her "Elizabeth Bartlett," and gave her one-quarter of his personal estate, in addition to what she had already received.[11]

Elizabeth's first husband, Thomas Wetherell, was a joyner [carpenter]. He died intestate before 13 July 1744. He was called "yeoman" when his widow, Elizabeth Wetherell of Plymouth, was appointed administratrix of his estate. The inventory was presented 19 December 1744 and amounted to £70-15-5½, new tenor.[12]

Elizabeth's second husband, Samuel Bartlett, Esq., also died intestate and she was appointed administratrix of his estate 10 April 1769. The inventory amounting to £869-16-10 was presented to the court 2 July 1769.[13] After her husband's death, Elizabeth became an innkeeper. In July 1781 "Widow Elizabeth Bartlett" was permitted by the Plymouth Court to sell spirituous Liquors.[14] Elizabeth's second husband's estate was not settled until after Elizabeth's death when her son by her first husband, Thomas Wetherell of Plymouth, Innholder, was appointed administrator of her estate, 10 July 1793. Her inventory was taken 13 July 1793. The administrator's accounts for the estates of both Samuel and Elizabeth Bartlett were presented and approved 8 July 1795.[15]

Children (**Wetherell**), by her first husband, Thomas Wetherell, born in Plymouth, Mass.:[16]

i. **Hannah**[6], born 27 May 1739, died in July 1740.

ii. **Lemuel**, born in May 1741, died in March 1742.
iii. **Thomas**, born 4 December 1742.

Children (**Bartlett**), by her second husband, Samuel Bartlett, born and baptized in Plymouth, Mass.:[17]

iv. **Samuel**, born 3 September 1749, bapt. 10 September 1749, died 2 July 1750.
v. **Samuel**, born 15 April 1751, bapt. 21 April 1751.
vi. **Elizabeth**, born 9 August 1753, bapt. 19 August 1753.
vii. **Lothrop**, born 7 August 1755, bapt. 10 August 1755.
viii. **Hannah**, born 11 April 1757, bapt. 17 April 1757.
ix. **Isaac**, born 5 October 1759.

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218. **Mehitable Lothrop**[5] (*Experience Gorham*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., about 1720 and baptized there 27 June 1725,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Experience (Gorham) Lothrop. She died in Barnstable 14 June 1760, in her 42d year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, in Barnstable.[2]

Mehitable Lothrop married as his first wife, in Barnstable 2 August 1739 (intentions 8 June 1739) **Daniel Davis**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 28 September 1713,[4] the son of Joseph and Hannah (Cobb) Davis. Daniel Davis married second, in Barnstable 7 July 1761 (intentions 13 June 1761), as her fourth husband, Mehitable (Davis) (Hersey) (Russell) Sturgis,[5] who was born in Barnstable 10 August 1717,[6] the daughter of John and Mehitable (Dimmock) Davis, by whom he had one son, Daniel Davis, born 8 May 1762.[7] Mehitable was also a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. [See #145, pages 222-23.] Daniel Davis died in Barnstable 22 April 1799 aged 85 years, 6 months, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.[8] Mehitable, Daniel's second wife, died in Barnstable 10 November 1803, at 88 years of age, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.[9]

Mehitable Lothrop, Daniel Davis's first wife, was called "daughter Mehitable Davis" by her father, Thomas Lothrop, in his will dated 15 March 1755.[10] Barnstable County probate records show that, after Daniel's second marriage to Mehitable (Davis) (Hersey) (Russell) Sturgis, he was given notice to settle his second wife's obligations to the estate of her previous husband's son, Samuel Sturgis, deceased. It stated, "To Mr. Daniel Davis in Right of his wife for sundries she delivered him the said Samuel Sturgis for which she gave her obligation to refund on condition . . . £57-1-5."[11] On 21 November 1757 Daniel Davis was appointed guardian of his second wife's son by her first marriage, Ezekiel Hersey, minor son of James Hersey, late of Barnstable, physician, deceased.[12]

The Hon. Daniel Davis, yeoman, Esq., was a Judge of Probate in Barnstable County after 1776, replacing David Gorham, his wife's second cousin, who became unpopular because of his Loyalist sympathies.[13] [See #264, pages 355-57.] Daniel Davis also served as Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas from 1770 on, and was a member of the first three Provincial Congresses. He was a captain of the First Regiment of militia in Barnstable during the Revolutionary War.[14]

According to Maclean W. McLean, in his article, "Thomas[3] and Mary (Joyce) (Gorham) (Parker) Lothrop of Barnstable, Mass.":

> Mehitable . . . m. 2 August 1739, Hon. Daniel[3] Davis [MD 33:128], b. 28 Sept. 1713, d. 22 Apr. 1799, son of Joseph[2] and Hannah (Cobb) Davis. Her father's will gives: "unto my Loving Daughter Mehitable Davis all such goods, Moneys, &c., as she hath received of me and also the sum of one pound and Six Shillings and Eight pence.". . . She had eleven children of whom survivors or their heirs are named in the father Daniel Davis's will dated 9 April 1799 [Plymouth Co. Probate]. Daniel Davis m. (2) in 1781 the formidable Mehitable (Davis) (Hersey) (Russell) Sturges (*sic*), by whom he had a son. She survived her fourth husband also![15]

In spite of diligent searching in both Plymouth and Barnstable Counties, the probate records for Daniel Davis mentioned by Maclean W. McLean have not been found.

Children (**Davis**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[16]

i. **Mary**[6], born 29 April 1740.
ii. **Daniel**, born 10 October 1741.
iii. **Robert**, born 27 March 1743.
iv. **John**, born 7 October 1744.
v. **Deborah**, born 13 August 1746.
vi. **Thomas**, born 24 August 1748.

vii. **Desire**, born 27 March 1750.
viii. **Ansel**, born 13 March 1752.
ix. **Experience**, born 11 January 1754.
x. **Mehitable**, born 11 July 1756.
xi. **Lothrop**, born about 1758, died at sea without issue.

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219. **Matthias Gorham**[5] (*John*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 18 December 1706,[1] the son of John and Ann (Brown) Gorham. He died in Yarmouth 27 April 1784, in his 78th year, and was buried in the West Yarmouth Cemetery.[2]

Matthias Gorham married in Yarmouth 1 November 1733 (intentions 7 October 1733) **Mary Davis**,[3] who was born in Barnstable, Mass., 4 June 1707,[4] the daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Cobb) Davis. Mary died in Yarmouth 25 February 1782, in her 76th year, and was buried in the West Yarmouth Cemetery.[5] Mary's brother, Gershom Davis, married Elizabeth Sturgis, Mary Hinckley and Thankful (Gorham) (Hawes) Skiffe, all descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. [See #249, pages 334-35.] Her brother, James Davis, married Mary Hinckley's sister, Thankful Hinckley. [See #250, pages 335-36.]

Matthias was a co-executor of the will of his father, John Gorham, dated 20 July 1729.[6] He inherited all of his father's real estate.

Matthias Gorham of Yarmouth, yeoman, in his will dated 31 December 1771, probated 22 May 1784, bequeathed to his wife, Mary Gorham, the use of one-third part of all of his real and personal estate during her natural life. He gave his unmarried daughters, Lydia Gorham and Elizabeth Gorham, £8 each. He gave his married daughters Mehitable Taylor, Ann Marchant and Mary Parker, six shillings each, besides what he had already given them in household goods. He gave his sons, John Gorham and Matthias Gorham, the remainder of his real and personal estate to be divided equally between them, as well as their mother's third part after her death. Son Matthias Gorham, Jr., was appointed executor. Witnesses were Richard Baxter, Richard Baxter, Jr., and Prince Baxter.[7]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., last four baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[8]

i. **Lydia**[6], born 13 January 1734/5.
ii. Son, born and died in infancy.
iii. **Elizabeth**, born 28 December 1737.
iv. **Mehitable**, born 26 January 1739/40.
v. **Anne**, born 1 January 1741/2, bapt. 29 March 1742.
vi. **John**, born 26 March 1744, bapt. 15 April 1744.
vii. **Mary**, born 16 May 1746, bapt. in June 1746.
viii. **Matthias**, born 17 December 1749, bapt. 11 March 1749/50.

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220. **Mercy Gorham**[5] (*John*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 26 September 1708,[1] the daughter of John and Ann (Brown) Gorham. She died in Yarmouth after January 1773,[2] the date she paid a legacy to her daughter, Thankful.

Mercy Gorham married in Yarmouth 2 July 1724 **Ebenezer Crowell,**[3] who was born in Yarmouth 30 June 1698,[4] the son of Thomas and Deborah Crowell. His cousin, Ephraim Crowell, married Mercy's sister, Rose Gorham.[5] Ebenezer Crowell died in Yarmouth 18 (or 21) August 1771, in his 74th year.[6]

Mercy was mentioned by her father, John Gorham, in his will dated 20 July 1729.[7]

Ebenezer and Mercy Crowell's younger children were baptized individually in the West Yarmouth Congregational Church. The older children may have been the ones mentioned as "children of Ebenezer Crowel baptized 25 March 1739," but were not named individually.[8]

Ebenezer Crowell of Yarmouth, yeoman, in his will dated 20 February 1760, proved 10 September 1771, gave his well-beloved wife, Mercy, £10 in lawful money and the improvement of one-third of his estate, both real and personal, during her widowhood, as her dowry. He gave his married daughters, Temperance Crowell and Desire Thacher, £15 each "in moveable estate, with what they have had of their portions." His four unmarried daughters, Daty, Thankful, Mercy and Elizabeth, were bequeathed £15 each, to be given to them at age eighteen. He gave his three sons, Daniel, Edmund and Gorham Crowell, the rest of his estate, equally divided among them, except that Daniel was to pay £10 to each of his brothers "out of the whole." Ebenezer named his wife, Mary (*sic*) [a copyist's error], and his son, Daniel, as "Sole" executors. Witnesses were

Jonathan Crowell, Isaac Crowell and Joseph Staple. Ebenezer Crowell was called "Gentleman" when his will was presented for probate by Mercy Crowell and Daniel Crowell, executors, and in the inventory of the estate, dated 8 February 1772 and submitted 11 February 1772 by Richard Baxter, Jacob Parker and Isaac Crowell. His inventory was valued at £966-0-9.[9] On 19 January 1773 Thankful Crowell, now Thankful Killey, signed a receipt for her legacy of £15, paid to her by her mother, Mercy Crowell and her brother, Daniel Crowell, executors of her father's will.[10]

Children (**Crowell**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., baptized at the West Yarmouth Church:[11]

i. **James**[6], born 11 June 1725; not mentioned in father's will.
ii. **Temperance**, born 12 October 1727.
iii. **Ebenezer**, born 30 July 1730, died 24 June 1753 (new style).
iv. **Daniel**, born 20 May 1734.
v. **Desire**, born 30 May 1736.
vi. **Edmund**, born 13 January 1740/1, bapt. 26 April 1741.
vii. **Data/Datey,Theodate**, born 30 August 1742, bapt. 31 October 1742.
viii. **Thankful**, born 20 August 1744.
ix. **Gorham**, born 4 June 1747, bapt. 11 April 1748.
x. **Mercy**, born 1 October 1749; may have been the one named "Martha, dau. of Ebenezer Crowel," bapt. 1 April 1750.
x. **Elizabeth**, bapt. 26 July 1752.

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221. **Desire Gorham**[5] (*John*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 26 August 1710,[1] the daughter of John and Ann (Brown) Gorham. She died in Yarmouth in December 1767, aged 56 years.[2]

Desire Gorham married in Yarmouth 19 August 1750, as his third wife, **Thomas Hallet**,[3] who was probably born in Yarmouth in 1691,[4] the son of Jonathan and Abigail (Dexter) Hallett. Thomas Hallett married first, in Yarmouth 9 April 1719 Sarah Hawes,[5] daughter of Joseph and Mary (Howes) Hawes. [See #101, pages 174-75.] Thomas Hallett married second, in Harwich 8 February 1721/2 Hannah Gray,[6] the daughter of John and Susannah (Clark) Gray, whose brother, Joshua Gray, called her "sister Hannah Hallet" in his will written in 1735.[7] After the death of his

third wife, Desire Gorham, Thomas Hallett married, fourth, in Yarmouth 5 January 1769 (intentions 9 December 1768) his cousin, Mary (Gorham) Hedge,[8] daughter of James and Mary (Joyce) Gorham and widow of Thomas Hedge. Thomas Hallett died in Yarmouth 10 April 1772, in his 82d year.[9] [See #209, pages 285-87.]

Desire Gorham was mentioned in the will of her father, John Gorham, dated 20 July 1729.[10] Desire and Thomas Hallett had no children. In his will dated 2 February 1770, probated 4 May 1772, Thomas Hallet of Yarmouth, Gentleman, mentioned his fourth wife, Mary, to whom he gave all of his real estate during her natural life, and one-third part of all household stuff and indoor moveables. He mentioned his nephews, Thomas, Jonathan, Jr., and Jeremiah Hallet, sons of his brother, Jonathan Hallet; his nephew Ebenezer Hallet, son of his brother, Ebenezer Hallet, deceased; his nephews Jonathan and Abner Hallet, sons of his brother, David Hallet; and his nephews Moses, Joshua and Isaac Hallet, sons of his brother, Timothy Hallet, deceased. He gave most of his property to his adopted son, Joshua Gray, nephew [or son] of his second wife, Hannah Gray. Joshua Gray was the husband of Thomas Hallett's step-daughter, Mary Hedge, daughter of his fourth wife, Mary (Gorham) Hedge by her first husband, Thomas Hedge. Witnesses to Thomas Hallett's will were David Gorham. Abigail Gorham and Abigail Gorham, Jr. Joshua Gray, his adopted son, was named sole executor.[11]

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222. **Rose Gorham**[5] (*John*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 19 March 1711/2,[1] the daughter of John and Ann (Brown) Gorham. She died in Yarmouth 19 March 1781.[2]

Rose Gorham married in Yarmouth 3 February 1731 (intentions 18 October 1730) **Ephraim Crowell,**[3] who was born in Yarmouth 14 November 1706,[4] the son of John and Hannah Crowell. His cousin, Ebenezer Crowell, married Rose's sister, Mercy Gorham.[5] Ephraim Crowell died in Yarmouth in September 1795, in his 90th year.[6]

Rose Gorham was mentioned in the will of her father, John Gorham, dated 20 July 1729.[7]

Ephraim Crowell of Yarmouth, yeoman, in his will dated 11 January 1786, probated 8 March 1796, mentioned his daughter, Elizabeth Crowell, who was given a room in his house with certain privileges, as long as she

remained unmarried; his daughter Ann Matthews, wife of David Matthews; his daughter Thankful Crowell, wife of Daniel Crowell; his grandchildren, Mary, John and Crowell Hallet, children of his daughter Rachel Hallet, deceased; his grandchildren Josiah [Isaiah?], Mehitable and Desire Crowell, children of his son, Simeon Crowell, deceased; and his granddaughter Hannah, daughter of his daughter Hannah, deceased. His grandson Elkanah Crowell, son of his son Simeon Crowell, deceased, was given all of the buildings, reserving to daughter Elizabeth certain rights. Son John Crowell and grandson Elkanah Crowell were given all of his wearing apparel and remaining personal effects, and all of the woodland, meadows and all other real estate, equally, to be divided between them. Son John Crowell and deceased son Simeon's son, Elkanah Crowell, were named as executors. Witnesses were Enoch Hallet, David Hallet and Susannah Hallet.[8]

Children (**Crowell**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., most of them baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[9]

i. **Simeon**[6], born 17 October 1731, bapt. (no date) before 1736.
ii. **Betty/Elizabeth**, born 20 March 1732/3, bapt. (no date) before 1736.
iii. **John**, born 27 January 1734/5.
iv. **Hannah**, born 17 April 1737, bapt. 10 July 1737.
v. **Anne**, born 3 June 1740, bapt. 13 July 1740.
vi. **Thankful**, born 16 March 1741/2.
vii. **Ephraim**, born 13 June 1744, bapt. 29 July 1744; not mentioned in his father's will.
viii. **Henry**, born 12 December 1746, bapt. 5 April 1747, died 18 May 1760.
ix. **Rachel**, bapt. 25 March 1749/50.
x. **Benjamin**, born 18 August 1754; not mentioned in his father's will.

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223. **Elizabeth/Betty Gorham**[5] (*John*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 27 June 1714,[1] the daughter of John and Ann (Brown) Gorham. She died in Yarmouth after February 1750/1, the date her youngest child was born.[2]

Elizabeth Gorham married in Yarmouth 20 July 1737 (intentions 12 June 1737) **John Eldredge, Jr.**,[3] who was born in Kittery, Me., 22 January

1715/6,[4] the son of John and Mary Eldredge. John Eldredge died after 1750 or 1751,[5] the date his youngest child was born.

Elizabeth Gorham, often called "Betty," was mentioned in the will of her father, John Gorham, dated 20 July 1729.[6] All of her children, except Mary, were baptized in the West Yarmouth Congregational Church.[7]

No probate records were found in Barnstable County for either John or Elizabeth Eldredge. Their son, John Eldredge, Jr., left a will dated 23 December 1796, proved 28 January 1797,[8] showing that some members of the family continued to live in Barnstable County, but there was no mention of his parents in the probate records. Deeds would be helpful if they were available but those records for this period in Barnstable County were destroyed in the courthouse fire in 1827.

Children (**Eldredge**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., to "John and Betty Eldred," baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[9]

i. **Barnabas**[6], born 9 May 1737, bapt. as **Benjamin** 21 May 1738.
ii. **Mary**, born 28 June 1739.
iii. **Dorcas**, born 10 July 1742 (*sic*), bapt. 9 August 1741 (*sic*).
iv. **John**, born 14 February 1742/3, bapt. 10 August 1743.
v. **Elizabeth**, born 3 February 1744/5, bapt. 24 March 1744/5.
vi. **David**, born 24 December 1746, bapt. 29 March 1747.
vii. **Gideon**, born 31 May 1749, bapt. 16 July 1749.
viii. **Anne**, born 26 February 1750/1, bapt. 31 March 1750/1.

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224. **Anne Gorham**[5] (*John*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 12 January 1716/7,[1] the daughter of John and Ann (Brown) Gorham. She died in Yarmouth 4 August 1791, in her 76th year.[2]

Anne Gorham married in Yarmouth 17 September 1741 (intentions 19 April 1741), as his first wife, **William Taylor**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 11 September 1717,[4] the son of Nathan and Mehitable (Cobb) Taylor. William Taylor married second, 16 August 1792 Hannah Rogers.[5] He died in Yarmouth in February 1808, in his 89th year.[6]

Anne Gorham was mentioned by her father, John Gorham, in his will dated 20 July 1729.[7] William Taylor was named as a cousin [nephew] in

the will of his father's brother, Isaac Taylor, dated 26 June 1755, in which William's father, Nathan Taylor, was also named.[8]

William Taylor, in his will dated 25 August 1795, probated 29 March 1808, provided for his second wife, Hannah, "as long as she continues my widow and unmarried and no longer." His grandson, Prince Hawes, son of his daughter, Temperance Hawes, was given the use of one bedroom, as long as he remained unmarried. William gave his real estate to his three sons, Richard, John and William Taylor, to be equally divided among them. He gave his daughter, Temperance Hawes, his "poorest bed after her son, Prince, is married," and half of the indoor moveables. He gave his other daughter, Hannah Hall, his "best bed" and the other half of his indoor moveables. He gave his granddaughter, Sally Taylor, the looking glass in his "Great room." His two sons, Richard Taylor and John Taylor, were named as executors. Witnesses were James Thacher, Ezekiel Matthews and Atherton Hall.[9] The inventory included real estate worth $573.00 and personal property valued at $181.28, and was submitted 12 April 1808 by Elisha Doane, Samuel Taylor and James Taylor.[10] An accounting of the estate was made 14 August 1810 by Richard Taylor which showed credits of $90.49 and debts against the estate of the same amount.[11]

Children (**Taylor**), all by first wife, born in Yarmouth, Mass., first five baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[12]

i. **Richard**[6], born 29 June 1742, bapt. in 1745, no exact date given.
ii. **Temperance**, born 28 July 1744, bapt. in 1745.
iii. **Hannah**, born 19 January 1747, bapt. 15 March 1747.
iv. **Prince**, born 10 August 1749, bapt. 17 September 1749; not mentioned in his father's will.
v. **John**, born 16 February 1752, bapt. 23 February 1752.
vi. **William**, born 14 September 1754.

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225. **Mehitable Oldham**[5] (*Mehitable Gorham*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Scituate, Mass., 1 December 1717,[1] the daughter of Joshua and Mehitable (Gorham) Oldham. She died probably in Scituate, after 11 February 1767, when she signed for her dower interest in the sale of land.[2]

Mehitable Oldham married in Scituate 21 May 1741 (intentions 10 January 1740) **Job Nichols,**[3] who was born in Scituate 2 May 1741 and baptized there 12 June 1710,[4] the son of Joseph and Mehitable (Pinson) Nichols. Job Nichols died in Pembroke, Mass., 24 August 1778, in his 63d year, and was buried in Pembroke Center Cemetery.[5]

Mehitable Oldham was one of the "heirs of Mehitable Gorham," her mother, who was mentioned in the distribution of the estate of her unmarried uncle, Silvanus Gorham, of Stamford, Conn., dated 18 January 1750/1.[6]

On 1 March 1752, Job Nichols of Scituate, cordwainer, purchased land "on the Pembroke road, bounded by Isaac Hatch and Benjamin Hatch, etc.," from his father-in-law, Joshua Oldham. yeoman, "except one acre of land and a house on the same" that Job Nichols already owned. Joshua Oldham acknowledged the deed 7 April 1752.[7]

On 11 February 1767, Job Nichols of Scituate, cordwainer, for £66-13-4 paid by Abner Crooker of Pembroke, blacksmith, sold all of his land "to the eastward of the highway to Pembroke that leads by the house belonging to Samuel Hatch and Mary Gorham, beginning at Benjamin Hatch's line." This was signed in the presence of Elijah Crooker and Jonathan Hatch, Jr. Mehitable Nichols, wife of Job Nichols, signed away her dower rights. On the same day, Job and Mehitable acknowledged their deed.[8]

No children have been found for this couple.

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226. **Benjamin Gorham**[5] (*Thomas*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 8 September 1708,[1] the son of Thomas and Rachel (Trott) Gorham. He is said to have drowned in the mill-pond in Barnstable before 3 December 1771, the date his father's will was probated. Benjamin, although one of the executors, did not appear in court.[2]

Benjamin Gorham married in Yarmouth, Mass., 23 October 1739 (intentions 21 April 1739), as her second husband, **Sarah (Baxter**[5-5]**) Cobb,**[3] of Yarmouth, who was born in Yarmouth 28 October 1708,[4] the daughter of John Baxter[4] (*Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Desire Gorham[4] (*Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Sarah's first husband was Gershom Cobb, son of Gershom and Hannah (Davis) Cobb.[5] Sarah died after September 1740, the date of her son's birth.[6]

[For the record of this family see #180, pages 257-58.]

227. **Priscilla Gorham**[5] (*Thomas*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 18 December 1711,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Trott) Gorham. She died on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 3 May 1801, at 90 years of age.[2]

Priscilla Gorham married on Nantucket 20 November 1735 **Eliphaz Folger,**[3] who was born on Nantucket 26 June 1713,[4] the son of Eleazer and Bethiah (Gardner) Folger. Eliphaz died there 1 January 1794.[5]

Priscilla was called "Priscilla Foldier" in the will of her father, Thomas Gorham of Barnstable, dated 1758, probated 3 December 1771, in which she was given 40 shillings.[6] Eliphaz and Priscilla were members of the Society of Friends (Quakers).[7]

Eliphaz Folger, late of Sherborn, yeoman, died intestate. On 15 June 1795, Paul Folger, called "eldest son," was appointed administrator of the estate of his father, Eliphaz Folger. On the same day, the court appointed Zaccheus Macy, James Coffin and Josiah Hussey as appraisers of the estate. The inventory was presented 13, 8th month 1795, and amounted to £320-9-4. The division, approved and recorded 3 August 1797, was made to the living children of Eliphaz Folger, named as Paul, Stephen, Gorham and Rachel Folger, and Eunice Alley, wife of Jacob Alley. Paul received his father's interest in the Folger Shimor Share, the Bethiah Gardner South Monomoy and Warehouse Shares, the Water Lot and the Mill Brook Swamp. The other heirs each received two Cows Commons. The division was witnessed by Benjamin Clark and Richard Alley.[8] Son Elisha had died in 1783, unmarried and without heirs.[9] Son Paul Folger, in his will dated 23 August 1803, probated 7 February 1805, mentioned his sisters, Eunice Alley and Rachel Folger, and his brother, Stephen.[10] On 7 March 1805, Jonathan Swain and David Mitchell of Nantucket were appointed guardians of Rachel Folger, a lunatic, sister of Paul Folger, deceased.[11]

Children (**Folger**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[12]

i. **Eunice**[6], born 6 May 1739.
ii. **Paul**, born 20 May 1741.
iii. **Elisha**, born 2 November 1743, died 10 mo. 1783, unmarried.
iv. **Rachel**, born 25 July 1746.
v. **Stephen**, born 18 December 1748.
vi. **Gorham**, born 25 December 1753.

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Nantucket Co. Prob. 5:40 (Guardianship); Worth, *Nantucket Land and Landowners*, 361. 12. *Nantucket VR* 1:476, 478, 482, 496, 499, 507; Starbuck, *History of Nantucket*, 748.

228. **Samuel Gorham**[5] (*Thomas*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 18 December 1713,[1] the son of Thomas and Rachel (Trott) Gorham. He may possibly have been the Samuel Gorham who died in Sherborn, Island of Nantucket, before 28 April 1764,[2] when the administration of his estate was granted to William Rotch of Sherborn, merchant. "Whereas Samuel Gorham, late of Sherborn, mariner, deceased, having while he lived and at the time of his decease Goods and Chattles Rights or Credits in the County aforesaid died intestate . . . power of administration . . . exhibit on or before the twentyeth day of September 1764."[3]

If this Samuel Gorham was the son of Thomas and Rachel (Trott) Gorham, he was still alive when his father, Thomas Gorham of Barnstable, wrote his will in 1758, but his father did not mention a son Samuel.[4] Either Thomas Gorham disinherited this son or the Samuel Gorham who died in Sherborn was not the son of Thomas and Rachel (Trott) Gorham.

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229. **Gershom Gorham**[5] (*Thomas*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 22 June 1725,[1] the son of Thomas and Rachel (Trott) Gorham. He may have been the Gershom Gorham who was living in Boston, Mass., when he was married there 6 September 1746, by the Rev. Samuel Cooper, to **Winifred North**,[2] who was born in Barnstable, Mass., 7 November 1727,[3] the daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Briggs) North.

Gershom Gorham was not mentioned in the will of his father, Thomas Gorham of Barnstable, dated 1758.[4] No probate records were found for Gershom or Winifred Gorham in either Suffolk County or in Barnstable County.

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230. **Abigail Gorham**[5] (*Thomas*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 13 May 1729,[1] the daughter of Thomas and

Rachel (Trott) Gorham. She died in Barnstable 9 October 1794, in her 66th year.[2]

Abigail Gorham married in Barnstable 23 August 1749 **John Easterbrooks,**[3] who was born in Ireland about 1727.[4] John Easterbrooks died in Barnstable 2 July 1802, aged 75 years.[5]

Abigail, as Mrs. John Easterbrooks, was admitted to membership in the East Church in Barnstable 18 April 1756. Capt. John Easterbrooks was admitted to membership 4 August 1776.[6]

Abigail's father, Thomas Gorham, in his will dated 1758, probated 3 December 1771, named his son-in-law, John Easterbrooks as a joint executor of his estate, with Thomas Gorham's son, Benjamin Gorham.[7]

John Easterbrooks of Barnstable, yeoman, in his will dated 22 March 1798, probated 13 July 1802, gave his son, John Easterbrooks, Jr., the westerly half of his dwelling house "with all of the land adjoining." Son Samuel was given the east end of the house with access to the well and the cellar, and land enough for a woodpile. Son John was also given the barn, the oak wood, and other land in return for maintaining his father "in sickness and in health," during his natural life. All of the remaining woodlands were divided among his sons Samuel, Gorham and Joseph Easterbrooks. Daughters Rachel Gorham and Elizabeth Cobb were to share the household furniture. Son John Easterbrooks was named executor. Witnesses were John Davis, Job Gorham and Job E. Davis.[8]

Daughter Rachel Easterbrooks married her cousin, James Gorham[6-6], son of Hezekiah and Anna (Allen) (Davis) Gorham, and son Gorham Easterbrooks married James's sister, Susannah Gorham[6-6].[9] [See #208, pages 284-85.]

Children (**Easterbrooks**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

i. **Rachel**[6], born 10 August 1750.
ii. **Gorham**, born 7 July 1756.
iii. **Elizabeth**, born 2 July 1759.
iv. **Samuel**, born 28 January 1765.
v. **John**, no birth record found; executor of father's will.
vi. **Joseph**, bapt. 27 March 1768.

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231. **James Gorham**[5] (*Jabez*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was probably born in Barnstable about 1719,[1] before his father, Jabez Gorham, moved to Fairfield, Conn. James died in Greenfield Hill, Fairfield, Conn., 9 October 1748.[2]

James Gorham married in Greenfield, Fairfield, in April 1744 **Miriam Hull,**[3] who was born in Fairfield 20 December 1724,[4] the daughter of Eliphalet and Sarah (Barlow) Hull. Miriam died in Fairfield 4 August 1770.[5]

James and Miriam Gorham renewed the covenant in the Greenfield Hill Church 10 March 1744/5, eleven months after their marriage in Greenfield which was not recorded in either the Greenfield Hill or Green's Farm church records.[6]

James was not baptized with his younger brothers at Christ's Church, Fairfield, but when his own children were recorded in the Greenfield Hill church, he himself was said to have been "baptized in infancy." Circumstantial evidence, as proposed by Donald Lines Jacobus, has placed James as the son of Jabez[4] Gorham (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) because he was named "James" in memory of his grandfather, James[3] Gorham, and he himself named his own son "Jabez" in memory of his own father, Jabez[4] Gorham. James lived in Fairfield, in the same area where his father, Jabez Gorham, died, and where his brothers, Jabez, John and David, the known sons of Jabez Gorham, also lived during their minority. James was of legal age when his father died and therefore did not require a guardian and no papers were filed.

James Gorham died in Greenfield Hill, Fairfield, intestate. His widow, Miriam Gorham, and Jabez Hull were appointed as administrators 31 October 1748. On the same day they were named as guardians of James's minor children, Jabez and Marah Gorham. The inventory of the estate was taken 22 November 1748 and was presented to the court 4 April 1749.[7] On 6 May 1760 son Jabez Gorham chose John Hull of Fairfield to be his guardian.[8]

Widow Miriam Gorham was admitted into full communion with the Greenfield Hill Church when the parish of North Fairfield was set off from Fairfield in November 1762.[9] In her will dated 13 June 1770, probated 9 September 1770, Miriam Gorham of Fairfield gave her "only well-beloved son, Jabez," her bed and bedding and her cloak, and she gave her "only well-beloved daughter, Mary," all of her wearing apparel and clothing except her cloak. All of her estate, both real and personal, was to be divided equally between her two children. Witnesses were Daniel Sherwood and Ebenezer Bradley. The inventory of her estate was taken by Daniel Sherwood and Ebenezer Banks and was presented to the court for approval 5 February 1771, by the administrator, John Hull. On the same day the court ordered Daniel Sherwood, Ebenezer Banks and Jeremiah

Sherwood to distribute the estate of Miriam Gorham to her children and heirs, according to her will.[10]

Children (**Gorham**), baptized in Greenfield Hill Church, Fairfield, Conn:[11]

i. **Mary**[6], born and bapt. 18 March 1744/5; died young.
ii. **Jabez**, born in April, bapt. 27 April 1746.
iii. **Mary**, born in November 1747, bapt. 22 November 1747.

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232. **David Gorham**[5] (*Jabez*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Fairfield, Conn., 24 February 1722/3,[1] the second son of Jabez Gorham of Fairfield. He died in Plymouth, Mass., 18 November 1785.[2]

David Gorham married in Plymouth 1 July 1751 (intentions 6 April 1751) **Abigail Jackson**,[3] whose date and place of birth have not been documented.[4] Abigail died in Plymouth 3 January 1794.[5]

On 5 March 1739/40, in Fairfield, Conn., after the death of his father, David Gorham chose his father's cousin, Joseph Gorham of Fairfield, to be his guardian.[6] David and his brother, John, settled with relatives in the Plymouth, Mass., area soon afterward. This David Gorham is said to have been the one who bought land from Jonathan Lewis in Rochester, Mass., 18 March 1744.[7] After his marriage in 1751, he and Abigail lived in Plymouth where the births of their first two children, Mary and Penelope, were recorded. In 1760 David and Abigail went to Liverpool, Nova Scotia, with his brother, Jabez Gorham, and other families from Cape Cod and Plymouth. David was a Proprietor in Liverpool, owning Fish lot no. 39 at Herring Cove.[8] Two more children, Abigail and David, were born in Liverpool. The family returned to Plymouth in September 1768, where David Gorham, his wife Abigail, and their three children, Abigail, Penelope and David, were "warned out" of Plymouth (told to leave town), 17 January 1769.[9]

This David may have been the one who served as a private in the Revolutionary War from Plymouth, 29 July 1778 to 13 September 1778.[10]

No probate records have been found in Plymouth County for David Gorham although church records show that both David and Abigail died there.

Children (**Gorham**), first two born in Plymouth, Mass., third and fourth born in Liverpool, Nova Scotia:[11]

i. **Mary**[6], born 20 February 1751/2.
ii. **Penelope**, born 10 July 1757.
iii. **Abigail**, born 11 July 1760.
iv. **David**, born 17 August 1763.

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233. **Jabez Gorham**[5] (*Jabez*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Fairfield, Conn., in October 1725, the third son of Jabez Gorham of Fairfield.[1] Jabez died in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, 13 December 1804, and was buried in the Old Cemetery, Main Street, in Liverpool.[2] The death date on his tombstone is said to be in error.

Jabez Gorham, called "of Barnstable," married in Plymouth, Mass., 15 November 1750 **Mary Burbank**,[3] who was born in Plymouth 24 July 1730,[4] the daughter of Timothy and Mary (Kempton) Burbank, Jr. Mary died in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, 14 September 1811.[5]

Jabez spent his childhood in Fairfield, Conn. His father died before 1739 and Jabez returned to Barnstable to live with relatives. He was called "of Barnstable" at the time of his marriage. In September 1747, Jabez was one of the heirs of his uncle, Silvanus Gorham, whose estate was distributed to his brothers and sisters and their heirs, including "the legal representatives of Jabez Gorham, deceased."[6]

Jabez Gorham and his brother, David, took their families to Liverpool, N.S., in 1760 with other families from Cape Cod and Plymouth. Capt. Jabez Gorham was a fisherman and mariner.[7] He was a Proprietor of Liverpool Township, owning one and one-half shares.[8] His name appears on the confirming grant of 1764. The first mention of Liverpool in the Legislative Journals of the House at Halifax, N.S., is dated 1761, when Jabez Gorham and his brother-in-law, Timothy Burbank, were "praying for a bounty on fish."[9]

Simeon Perkins, a merchant of Liverpool, in his *Dairy*, 18 August 1767, said that he had "attended a lecture at Jabez Goreham's (*sic*) when he and eight of his children were baptized. Mr. Cheever was the preacher then."[10] Jabez was listed with a family of eight in the Hunt-Perkins census of 1785. He embraced the "New Lights" religious faith, 16 February 1796.[11] He was buried next to his wife in the Old Cemetery, Main Street, Liverpool, where his gravestone provides an erroneous date.

No probate records were found for Jabez Gorham. It is interesting to note that the present Registry of Deeds office sits almost over the foundation of Jabez Gorham's house in Liverpool.[12]

Children (**Gorham**), first six born in Plymouth, Mass., rest born in Liverpool, Nova Scotia:[13]

i. **James**[6], born 23 July 1751, died young.
ii. **Jabez**, born 13 September 1753, died young.
iii. **Mary**, born 23 July 1755.
iv. **Jabez**, born 14 May 1757.
v. **Hannah**, born 14 February 1759.
vi. **James**, born 7 September 1760.
vii. **Lucy**, born 2 September 1762.
viii. **Mercy**, born 4 October 1764.
ix. **Lydia**, born 5 January 1767 (twin).
x. **Prince**, born 5 January 1767 (twin).
xi. **Isaac**, born 13 July 1769.
xii. **John**, born 29 September 1771.

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234. **John Gorham**[5] (*Jabez*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Fairfield, Conn., 12 May 1728,[1] the fourth son of Jabez Gorham of Fairfield. John died in Scituate or Pembroke, Mass., before 1 January 1759, the date administrators were appointed for his estate.[2]

On an unknown date, John Gorham married a wife named **Mary**, whose maiden name has not been found.[3] Mary Gorham died after 5 June 1770, the date when she was called "last of Scituate," and was warned by Pembroke to leave town.[4] Very few records have been found for this John Gorham. He apparently went to Scituate from Fairfield, Conn., after his parents died, to visit his uncle, Joshua Oldham, whose first wife had been his father's sister, Mehitable Gorham[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). On 18 May 1753, when John Gorham would have been 25 years old, he bought six acres of land in Scituate, "in consideration of £14-8 in lawful money," from Joshua Oldham, yeoman, and his second wife, Bathsheba, both of Scituate. At that time he was called "John Gorham of Scituate, housewright." This transfer was acknowledged 7 August 1753.[5]

John Gorham of Scituate died before 1 January 1759, leaving a widow, Mary. He may have lived on the border between Scituate and Pembroke, for, when letters of administration on John Gorham's estate were issued to Benjamin Turner of Pembroke on that date, John Gorham was called "of Pembroke." The inventory, taken 13 January 1759, included carpenter's tools, one loom almost finished, a wheel clock, and housing and lands valued at £57-18-0. This was signed by John Turner, Joshua Briggs and Elisha Barker. The list of creditors, dated 4 August 1760, included John, Thomas, Samuel, Ebenezer, Joseph and Moses Rogers, Elisha Barker, Job Nichols, and Jonathan, Seth and Israel Hatch, Sr., and Jr., and others, whose claims totaled £46-9-9. Mary's dower was set off to her 28 November 1760 by John Turner, Joshua Briggs and Isaac Hatch. It included the easterly front part of the dwelling house, one-third part of the cellar under the kitchen, and the "easterly oven," with liberty to pass to and from the cellar and oven.[6]

Almost seven years later, on 11 February 1767, Job Nichols of Scituate, the husband of John Gorham's cousin, Mehitable Oldham[5], sold his land in Scituate, described as being on the highway that leads by the house belonging to Samuel Hatch and the Widow Mary Gorham.[7] This proves that John Gorham's widow, Mary, was still living in Scituate at that date.

The last notice found for Mary Gorham was a Plymouth County court record, dated 5 June 1770, in which Mary Gorham "who came last from Scituate and hath resided within the town of Pembroke for six months, the

town of Pembroke being unwilling to receive her as an inhabitant lest she become chargeable," was warned to leave town.[8]

No children have been found for John and Mary Gorham of Scituate.

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235. **Ebenezer Gorham**[5-6] (*Ebenezer*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Temperance Hawes*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 7 August 1729,[1] the son of Ebenezer and Temperance (Hawes) Gorham. He died at sea in 1772.[2]

Ebenezer Gorham married first, in Barnstable 21 December 1752 (intentions 13 June 1752) **Mary Thacher,**[3] who was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 7 March 1731/2,[4] the daughter of Elisha and Phebe (Lothrop) Thacher. Mary died probably in Barnstable, before 1764, the year her husband married again.

Ebenezer Gorham married second, in Plymouth, Mass., 6 December 1764 (intentions Barnstable 17 November 1764) **Hope (Doty) Carver,**[6] who was born in Plymouth 19 February 1739,[7] the daughter of Isaac and Mary (Lanman) Doty and the widow of James Carver, by whom she had one son, James Carver, who was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland but was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Doty. Hope Gorham died in Barnstable 7 June 1765, before her son, James Carver, was baptized in Plymouth, 21 July 1765, "in right of Grandmother Mary Dotten."[8]

Ebenezer Gorham married third, in Yarmouth, Mass., 16 July 1767 **Hannah (Doane) Hall,**[9] who was probably born in Chatham, Mass., about 1731,[10] the daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Haugh) Doane of Chatham. Hannah died in Barnstable 3 October 1810, aged 79 years, 3 months.[11] Hannah was the widow of Lot Hall by whom she had four children, Daniel, Lot, Urion and William Hall, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Hannah (Doane) Hall was named as the wife of Lot Hall by her grandfather, Thomas Doane, in his will dated 17 March 1756. Hannah's father, Reuben Doane, died young and Hannah's mother, Sarah (Haugh) Doane's second husband, Daniel Hall, was appointed "guardian of Hannah, daughter of Reuben Doane, late of Chatham, dec'd."[12]

Ebenezer Gorham was a mariner who died at sea in 1772. In 1773 Hannah Gorham was appointed administratrix of Ebenezer Gorham's intestate estate which was declared insolvent.[13]

Ebenezer's father, also named Ebenezer Gorham, in his will dated 16 May 1772, with a codicil dated 26 December 1775, said that his son Ebenezer "had been missing for some time," and mentioned his granddaughter, Hannah Gorham, only daughter of his son Ebenezer and his daughter-in-law Hannah. Ebenezer's father also mentioned his daughter-in-law's four sons by Lot Hall, for whom his son, Ebenezer was guardian.[14]

Child (**Gorham**), by his third wife, probably born in Barnstable, Mass.:[15]

i. **Hannah**[6-7], born about 1768; mentioned in grandfather's will.

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236. **Prince Gorham**[5-6] (*Ebenezer*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Temperance Hawes*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 14 March 1730/1,[1] the son of Ebenezer and Temperance (Hawes) Gorham. He died 4 December 1804, in his 75th year, and was buried in Norwell, Mass.[2]

Prince Gorham married first, in Barnstable 22 April 1756 (intentions 23 February 1755/6) **Abigail Gorham**[5-5],[3] who was born in Barnstable 1 June 1732,[4] the daughter of John Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Prudence Crocker[4] (*Anne*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]), by whom he had one child. Abigail died in Barnstable 3 August 1765, in her 34th year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable.[5] [See #276, pages 369-70.]

Prince Gorham married second, probably in Scituate, Mass., 15 November 1767 **Desire Clapp**[6-6],[6] who was born in Scituate 13 May 1741, baptized 24 May 1741,[7] the daughter of Nathaniel Clapp[5] (*Temperance Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Desire Bourne[5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) by whom he had four more children. [See #246, pages 330-31, and #286, page 379.] Desire died in Barnstable 20 August 1813, in her 73rd year, called "relict of Capt. Prince Gorham," and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.[8]

Prince Gorham's first wife, Abigail, was admitted to the East Precinct Church in Barnstable as Mrs. Prince Gorham, 6 June 1762. Her death

was recorded there 3 August 1765, "aged about 30." His second wife, Desire, was admitted to the East Church 4 October 1772.[9]

Abigail was living when her father, John Gorham, mentioned her in his will dated 4 November 1762, probated 19 October 1769, but in his first codicil, dated 21 October 1765, he said that since Abigail had died, he bequeathed £18 to Abigail's daughter, his granddaughter Sarah.[10]

Desire's father, Nathaniel Clapp, in his will dated 10 January 1776, probated 19 December 1783, mentioned his daughter Desire Gorham.[11] Prince's father, Ebenezer Gorham, in his will dated 16 May 1772, proved 6 December 1776, mentioned his son Prince Gorham.[12]

In the U.S. Census of 1790, Prince Gorham was listed in Barnstable as head of a family of one male over 16, two males under 16 and two females.[13]

Capt. Prince Gorham was a sea captain and served in the Revolutionary War.[14] He later became insane.[15] He died intestate 4 December 1804. His widow, Desire, was named as administratrix of the estate, and William H. Jackson, husband of Sarah, Prince Gorham's daughter by his first wife, was made "guardian" of the estate until it was settled. On 9 July 1805, William Hall Jackson administered on the estate of Prince's youngest son Stephen Gorham, who was lost at sea. On 10 September 1805, widow Desire Gorham was allowed her dower third of her husband's estate. The remaining estate was divided one-quarter each to Sarah, wife of William H. Jackson, to Abigail Davis, widow of Isaac Davis, to Prince Gorham, and to Eunice Shaw, wife of William Shaw.[16]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:
By his first wife, Abigail Gorham:[17]

i. **Sarah**[6-7-6-6], born 27 June 1762.

By his second wife, Desire Clapp:[18]

ii. **Abigail**[6-7-7-7], born 15 May 1769.
iii. **Prince**, born 8 September 1775, died as a young adult.
iv. **Eunice**, born 25 August 1777.
v. **Stephen**, born 28 July 1779, lost at sea in 1805.

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237. **Hannah Gorham**[5-6] (*Ebenezer*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Temperance Hawes*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 16 April 1733, the daughter of Ebenezer and Temperance (Hawes) Gorham. She died in Barnstable 5 April 1765, aged 32 years.

Hannah Gorham married in Barnstable, as his first wife, 16 May 1754 (intentions 22 March 1754), her second cousin, **Thomas Gorham**[5-6], who was born in Barnstable, Mass., 18 August 1723, the son of Job Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Desire Dimmock[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Thomas Gorham died in Barnstable before 3 September 1795, the date his will was probated.

Hannah's husband, Thomas Gorham, called "Jr.," married second, in Yarmouth (intentions) 14 December 1765 **Rebeccah (Taylor) Jones** of Yarmouth, who was probably the one born in Plymouth, Mass., 6 October 1735, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Atwood) Taylor. Rebeckah was the widow of Charles Jones by whom she had three children, Edward, Lucy and Sarah Jones, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Rebeckah died in Barnstable after 3 September 1795, the date her husband's will was probated. Thomas Gorham died in Barnstable before 3 September 1795, the date his will was probated.

[For the record of this family see #285, pages 377-78.]

238. **Mary Gorham**[5-6] (*Ebenezer*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Temperance Hawes*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 16 June 1735,[1] the daughter of Ebenezer and Temperance (Hawes) Gorham. She probably died in Gorham, Me., after 26 December 1775, the date of the codicil to her father's will.[2]

Mary Gorham, called "Jr.," married in Barnstable 22 December 1757 (intentions 30 July 1757) her second cousin, **Samuel Davis**[6],[3] who was born in Barnstable 13 September 1734,[4] the son of Gershom Davis and his second wife, Mary Hinckley[5] (*Mary Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Samuel Davis died before 18 January 1789,[5] the date his father called him "deceased." [See #249:ii, pages 334-35.]

Mary was called "Mary Davis" by her father, Ebenezer Gorham, in his will dated 16 May 1772, with a codicil dated 26 December 1775.[6]

On 12 May 1769, Samuel Davis and his two brothers-in-law, Josiah Davis and Jonathan Sturgis, all of Barnstable, housewrights, bought from John Perkins, yeoman, of Gorham, Mass., (now Maine), for £106-13-4, several lots of land Perkins had lately bought from Melatiah Bourne, Timothy Newell and Samuel Quincy, all of Boston, executors for the

estate of Samuel Sturgis, late of Boston, Esq., deceased. The property included 100 acres of lot #74, 30 acres of lot #92, 70 acres of lot #37 and 70 acres of lot #39, all in Gorham. On the same day, Samuel Davis, Josiah Davis and Jonathan Sturgis sold back the same lots of land for the same price to the same executors of the estate of Samuel Sturgis. The deed was witnessed by Enoch Freeman and Enoch Freeman, Jr.[7] Melatiah Bourne and Samuel Sturgis, deceased, were originally from Barnstable, and were cousins of Samuel Davis and his wife, Mary Gorham.

Samuel and Mary Davis took their family to Gorham about 1772.[8] He served as a private during the Revolutionary War.[9] On 22 December 1779, Samuel Davis of Gorham, yeoman, bought from [his cousin] David Gorham of Barnstable, Esq., for £100 a lot of land known as "the hundred acre lot #118." The deed was signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of William Gorham, David's son, and James Freeman. On 20 July 1780, David Gorham appeared personally and acknowledged this instrument to be his deed. It was recorded 12 December 1782.[10] On 13 February 1780 Samuel Davis of Gorham, yeoman, sold to [his brother-in-law] Jonathan Sturgis of Gorham, yeoman, for £25 one-half of the 100 acre lot of land numbered #118 in Gorham.[11] On 19 February 1780 Samuel Davis sold to William Snow of Gorham, yeoman, for £50 the northerly half of the 100 acre lot #118 in the Proprietor's Plan of the Second Division. Samuel Davis appeared personally and acknowledged this deed 13 July 1782.[12] This is the last entry found in public records for Samuel Davis.

Samuel Davis's father, Deacon Gershom Davis of Barnstable, in his will dated 18 January 1789, probated 8 June 1790, mentioned his two grandsons, not named, sons of his son, Samuel, deceased.[13]

No probate records were found for Samuel Davis but, on 15 October 1792, his son, Ebenezer Davis, as the "executor and administrator" of the estate of Samuel Davis of Gorham, housewright, deceased, sold to [his brother] Samuel Davis of Gorham, yeoman, for £51, a parcel of 25 acres, being one-fourth part of the hundred acre lot in the Second Division in the Town of Gorham, #118. This was witnessed by Josiah Thacher and Apphia Thacher. It was acknowledged by Ebenezer Davis 8 January 1794 and recorded from the original.[14]

Children (**Davis**), first eight recorded in Barnstable, Mass., and baptized in the West Barnstable Church, ninth born and recorded in Gorham, Maine, then part of Massachusetts:[15]

i. **Gershom**[6-7-7], born 30 November 1758.
ii. **Ebenezer**, bapt. 4 July 1760, died young.
iii. **Samuel**, born 11 June 1762, bapt. 4 July 1762.
iv. **Mary**, born 8 September 1763, bapt. 25 September 1763.
v. **Ebenezer**, born 15 February 1765, bapt. 17 February 1765.

vi. **Prince**, born 14 May 1767, bapt. same day.
vii. **Jesse**, born 25 June 1769.
viii. **William**, born 2 June 1771, bapt. 9 June 1771.
ix. **Elizabeth**, born 14 April 1777.

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239. **Thankful Gorham**[5-6] (*Ebenezer*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Temperance Hawes*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Barnstable, Mass., 22 April 1739,[1] the daughter of Ebenezer and Temperance (Hawes) Gorham. Thankful died in Gorham, Me., before 1802,[2] the year her husband married a second wife.

Thankful Gorham married, as his first wife, in Barnstable 3 May 1759 (intentions 24 March 1759) **Josiah Davis**[7],[3] who was baptized in the East Church of Barnstable 25 April 1742,[4] with his brother John and his sister, Martha, all children of John Davis[6] (*Mehitable Dimmock*[5], *Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his second wife Anna Allen, who married second, Hezekiah Gorham[5-5] (*James*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Joyce*[4], *Elizabeth Chipman*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #208, pages 284-85.] Josiah Davis married second, in Gorham, Me., 25 November 1802 (intentions 7 November 1802) Martha Hill of Buxton, Me.[5] Josiah Davis died in Gorham, Me., 8 February 1824, "aged about 86."[6]

Thankful was called "Thankful Davis" by her father, Ebenezer Gorham, in his will dated 16 May 1772, with a codicil dated 26 December 1775.[7] Thankful's sister, Mary Gorham, married Samuel Davis, and her sister, Temperance Gorham, married Jonathan Sturgis. All three families moved to Gorham, Me. Josiah Davis, Thankful Gorham's husband, was mentioned by his mother, Anna (Allen) (Davis) Gorham, along with his Gorham half-brothers and half-sisters, in her will dated 2 March 1792, in which Josiah Davis was called "of Gorham in the County of Cumberland."[8]

On 12 May 1769, Josiah Davis and his brothers-in-law, Samuel Davis and Jonathan Sturgis, all of Barnstable, housewrights, bought from John

Perkins, yeoman, of Gorham, Mass., now in Maine, for £106-13-4, several lots of land Perkins had purchased from Melatiah Bourne, Timothy Newell and Samuel Quincy, all of Boston, executors of the estate of Samuel Sturgis, late of Boston, Esq., deceased. The property included 100 acres of lot #74, 30 acres of lot #92, 70 acres of lot #37 and 70 acres of lot #39, all in Gorham. On the same day, Josiah Davis, Samuel Davis and Jonathan Sturgis, sold back the same lots of land for the same price to the same executors of the estate of Samuel Sturgis. This was witnessed by Enoch Freeman and Enoch Freeman, Jr.[9] Melatiah Bourne and Samuel Sturgis were originally from Barnstable and were second cousins of the purchasers.

On 10 June 1773, Josiah Davis, now called "of Gorham," yeoman, bought for £53-6-8 from David Gorham of Barnstable, Esq., his second cousin, 30 acres of land in lot #118 in Gorham. This was witnessed by David Gorham's son, William Gorham and his wife, Temperance.[10] On 31 December 1779, Josiah Davis of Gorham, now called "gentleman," sold to Thomas Bangs of Gorham, yeoman, for £76-13-4, 30 acres of lot #92 of the first division in Gorham. This was witnessed by Sol. Lombard and Sarah Lombard.[11] On 5 May 1785, Josiah Davis, gentleman, bought for £40 from Robert McDaniel of Gorham, yeoman, and Mary, his wife, 40 acres of land in Gorham, a part of the 100 acre lot #70, upon the following condition: "that the said Robert McDaniel . . . pay to the said Josiah Davis . . . the sum of £40 lawful money . . . with the interest . . . and also another just sum of one pound & four shillings with interest . . . £41 at or before 27 April 1788 . . . then this deed shall be null and void . . . It is also agreed that the said Josiah shall wait until 27 April 1790." This was witnessed by Austin Allen and John Davis and was recorded 6 May 1785.[12] On 15 November 1787, Josiah Davis of Gorham, gentleman, sold for £60 to Edmund Phinney, Jr., of Gorham, yeoman, 30 acres of land in lot #118 in Gorham, being the same lot of land Josiah had bought from David Gorham, Esq., deceased, in a deed dated 10 June 1773. This was witnessed by John Davis and Silvanus Davis and acknowledged 19 November 1787.[13] On 15 July 1793 Josiah Davis of Gorham, gentleman, sold to [his son] Allen Davis of Gorham, yeoman, for £200, two parcels of land in Gorham from the homestead farm where Josiah lived and part of the 100 acre lots #64 and #75. The witnesses were Josiah Thacher and Moses Clark. The deed was acknowledged by Josiah Davis 6 August 1793.[14] The boundary line of the parcel of land passed directly through the middle of Josiah's house.

On 9 January 1794 Josiah Davis of Gorham, gentleman, sold for £18 to [his son] James Davis of Gorham, yeoman, housewright, a part of 20 acres Josiah had bought from David Whitney, "on which my dwelling house now stands . . . as an absolute estate of inheritance in fee simple forever."

The witnesses were George Lewis and Snell Wingate. This was acknowledged by Josiah 13 July 1795.[15] On 12 January 1797, Josiah Davis of Gorham, gentleman, sold to Jonathan Sturgis of Gorham, yeoman, for $33.00, a parcel of land in Gorham of 3 acres, a part of the 100 acre lot #75 in the second division. The witnesses were George Lewis and Tabitha Lewis. This was acknowledged 12 January 1797 and received to be recorded 4 January 1798.[16]

This Josiah and Thankful Davis have been confused with an older Josiah Davis who married Thankful Matthews in Barnstable in 1745 and who are also said to have moved to Gorham, Me. about 1771. But only one Josiah Davis was taxed there in 1772.[17] Credit has been given in *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors* to one Josiah Davis from Gorham, Me., for many terms of service during the Revolutionary War, including service as a Lieutenant.[18] At this point, it is certain that it was Josiah Davis and his wife, Thankful Gorham, who were living in Gorham, Me., when his mother, Anna (Allen) (Davis) Gorham made her will dated 2 March 1792.

Children (Davis), first six supposedly born and baptized in Barnstable, Mass., but not recorded in Barnstable Town records; last three born and recorded in Gorham, Me.:[19]

i. **Josiah**[6-7-8], bapt. 11 October 1761.
ii. **John**, born in 1763.
iii. **Sarah**, born in 1764.
iv. **Sylvanus**, born in 1767.
v. **Allen**, born in 1770.
vi. **James**, born 27 September 1773.
vii. **Joseph**, born 10 August 1776.
viii. **Solomon**, born 6 February 1780.

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date, in 1786, and until 2 March 1792 when his mother, Anna (Allen) (Davis) Gorham made her will, the Josiah Davis who married *Thankful Gorham* was still alive, living with his family in Gorham, Me., as proved by his mother's will. 6. McLellan, 465; Marquis F. King, *Publishments, Marriages, Births and Deaths from the Early Records of Gorham. Maine*, n.p. 7. Barnstable Co. Prob. 17:463; 20:73-74 (Ebenezer Gorham). 8. Ibid. 24:225 (Anna Gorham). 9. Cumberland Co. Land Recs. 5:226, 232 [FHL #10644]. 10. Ibid. 14:304 [FHL #10648]. 11. Ibid. 11:208 [FHL #10647]. 12. Ibid. 13:238-39 [FHL #10648]. 13. Ibid. 14:308 [FHL #10648]. 14. Ibid. 20:316-17 [FHL #10651]. 15. Ibid. 23:78-79 [FHL #10653]. 16. Ibid. 27:201-202 [FHL #10655]. 17. McLellan, 464. 18. *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors* 4:521. 19. King, *Publishments, Marriages, Births and Deaths from the Earlier Records of Gorham, Maine* (1897), n.p. (last three) [FHL #1033703]; McLellan, 465; Gorham MS 2:97-98, but with errors.

Note: The Josiah Davis who married *Thankful Gorham*[5] in Barnstable, Mass., 3 May 1759, was not the same Josiah Davis who married *Thankful Matthews*[5] in Yarmouth, Mass., 28 January 1745 (*sic*) [*Yarmouth VR* 1:162], intentions Yarmouth 16 July 1745 (*sic*) [*Yarmouth VR* 1:183], recorded in Barnstable 16 July 1745 [*MD* 33:167]. Thankful Matthews[6], also a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland, was born in Yarmouth 9 January 1724/5 [*Yarmouth VR* 1:36], the daughter of John Matthews and his wife, Hannah Sturgis[5] (*James Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #156:vii, pages 232-33.]

The Josiah Davis who married Thankful Matthews was born in Barnstable 2 August 1718, the son of Josiah and Mehitable (Taylor) Davis [*MD* 4:225; *NGSQ* (June 1973) 61:113]. Maclean W. McLean, in his article, "Edward Taylor (ca. 1640-1705) of Barnstable, Mass.," states that this Josiah Davis died in Gorham, Me., 18 September 1785 [Ibid.]. McLellan, in his *History of Gorham, Maine*, mistakenly states that Josiah Davis and Thankful Matthews were "probably married about 1754," instead of their actual date of marriage in 1745, given above. This Josiah and Thankful (Matthews) Davis had three children baptized in Barnstable, Josiah and Thankful, both baptized 6 June 1756, and Mary, baptized 3 September 1759 [Otis, *Barnstable Fams.* 1:284; McLellan, *History of Gorham, Me.*, 464-65]. Otis, *Barnstable Fams.* 1:287, copied by McLellan and McLean, and recently by Carleton E. Fisher and Sue G. Fisher, in *Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots of the Revolutionary War in Maine* (Louisville, KY 1982), 189, gave this same Josiah Davis an erroneous second marriage to *Thankful Gorham*, 3 May 1760. McLean gave this Josiah Davis his correct date of death in Gorham, Me., 18 September 1785, but McLellan states that this Josiah died in Gorham, Me., 8 February 1824, "aged about 86." This date would make the Josiah Davis, born in Barnstable 2 August 1718, who married *Thankful Matthews* in 1745, all of 106 years of age at death, which is unreasonable. Clearly there were at least two men named Josiah Davis, born on Cape Cod twenty years apart, who married two different wives named Thankful. The Josiah Davis who was "age 86" at his death in

Gorham, Me., 8 February 1824, was the one who married *Thankful Gorham*, daughter of Ebenezer and Temperance (Hawes) Gorham. This Josiah Davis was the son of John and Anna (Allen) Davis, born about 1736 and baptized with his brother, John, and sister, Martha, in the Barnstable East Precinct Church 25 April 1742 [Otis, *Barnstable Fams.* 1:284]. [See the account of Josiah Davis's mother, Anna (Allen) (Davis) Gorham and her second husband, Hezekiah Gorham, #208, pages 284-85].

240. **Temperance Gorham**[5-6] (*Ebenezer*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Temperance Hawes*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 20 May 1744,[1] the daughter of Ebenezer and Temperance (Hawes) Gorham. She died in Gorham, Cumberland County, Me., 26 November 1824, at 82 years of age.[2]

Temperance Gorham married in Barnstable 7 February 1765 (intentions 5 January 1765) **Jonathan Sturgis,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 9 August 1743,[4] the son of Nathaniel and Abigail (Cobb) Sturgis. Jonathan Sturgis died in Gorham, Me., 11 May 1834 at 91 years of age.[5]

On 12 May 1769 Jonathan Sturgis of Barnstable, housewright, joined his brothers-in-law, Samuel and Josiah Davis, in purchasing from John Perkins of Gorham, for £106-13-4, several lots of land Perkins had previously bought from Melatiah Bourne, Timothy Newell and Samuel Quincy, all of Boston, executors for the estate of Samuel Sturgis, late of Boston, Esq., deceased. This included 100 acres of lot #74, 30 acres of lot #92, 70 acres of lot #37 and 70 acres of lot #39. On the same day, Jonathan Sturgis, Samuel Davis and Josiah Davis sold the same lots back to the same executors of the estate of Samuel Sturgis. This was witnessed by Enoch Freeman and Enoch Freeman, Jr.[6] Jonathan Sturgis moved to Gorham with his family later that same year, settling on the hundred acre lot #74, in West Gorham.[7]

Jonathan Sturgis served in the Revolutionary War, enlisting in 1775.[8] In the U.S. Census of 1790 for Gorham and Scarborough Town, Cumberland County, Me., Jonathan Sturgis was listed as head of a family with two males over 16, five males under 16, and four females.[9]

On 13 February 1780 Jonathan Sturgis of Gorham, yeoman, bought from his brother-in-law, Samuel Davis of Gorham, yeoman, for £25 one-half of a 100 acre lot of land #118, in Gorham.[10] On 14 March 1785 Jonathan Sturgis, housewright, bought for £25 from William Gorham of Gorham, gentleman, Esq., who had authority to sell land owned by Solomon Gorham of Glocester (*sic*), Essex County, Mass., gentleman, one-quarter part of a 100 acre lot #120 in the second division in Gorham. The witnesses were Rebecca Child and Lothrop Lewis.[11] On 12 January 1797,

Jonathan Sturgis, yeoman, bought from his brother-in-law, Josiah Davis, gentleman, for $33.00, a parcel of land in Gorham of three acres, a part of the 100 acre lot #75.[12] On 12 March 1802 Jonathan, again called housewright, sold to Nathaniel Sturgis of Gorham [his son], yeoman, a parcel of land in a place called the Pergipscot claim in Cumberland County "beginning at a pine tree on the westerly side of Little Androscogin River so-called . . . containing 83 acres more or less." This was witnessed by George Lewis and Tabitha Lewis and recorded 30 March 1802.[13] On 3 November 1807, Jonathan Sturgis, yeoman, sold for $4,000 to David Sturgis of Gorham, yeoman, [his son], an undivided half of all of his real estate in Gorham consisting of the 100 acre lot #74, the 100 acre lot #73, the 100 acre lot #120 and the 10 acres he had purchased of John Stephenson and Josiah Davis in the 100 acre lot #75, including one-half of all of the buildings and one-half of two acres and dwelling house on the 30 acre lot #41 he had purchased of Lemuel Weeks and David Tucker of Portland. The witnesses were Katharine Edwards and Lothrop Lewes (*sic*).[14] A month later, 15 December 1807, in two more transactions, Jonathan's son, David Sturgis, "for $2000 to be paid by Jonathan Sturgis, his executors, administrators or assigns, and having received a deed to one-half of all of Jonathan's real estate in Gorham, bound himself and his heirs to improve and manage the whole farm with Jonathan Sturgis, in equal shares and pay an equal part of all outsets and expenses . . . during the life of the said Jonathan and shall equally divide the clear income of the farm . . . and pay one-half of the expense of supporting the family and live in the same house and make but one family during the life of Jonathan . . . and shall not alienate or convey his half during the life of the said Jonathan without his consent." The witnesses were Lothrop Lewis and Nathaniel Sturgis. This deed was recorded 26 January 1808.[15]

Jonathan Sturgis made these careful plans for his future when he was 65 years of age and his wife was 64. Unfortunately, their son, David Sturgis, died 8 December 1823,[16] before his parents.

Children (Sturgis), first two born in Barnstable, Mass., rest born in Gorham, Me.:[17]

i. **Hannah**[6-7], born 9 December 1766.
ii. **Temperance**, born 5 November 1768.
iii. **James Gorham**, born 3 December 1770.
iv. **Nathaniel**, born 3 September 1774.
v. **Abigail**, born 4 March 1777.
vi. **David**, born 27 June 1779.
vii. **Joseph**, born 30 January 1783.
vii. **Sarah**, born 24 July 1785.
ix. **Jonathan**, born 6 February 1788.

x. **Ebenezer**, born 9 June 1790.

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241. **Silvanus Gorham**[5-6] (*Ebenezer*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Temperance Hawes*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Barnstable, Mass., 17 July 1746,[1] the son of Ebenezer and Temperance (Hawes) Gorham. He died in Barnstable 29 May 1805, in his 58th year, and was buried 1 June 1805 in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable.[2]

Silvanus Gorham married in Barnstable (intentions) 19 March 1768 his cousin, **Anna Gorham**[6-5],[3] who was baptized in Barnstable 17 July 1748,[4] the daughter of Hezekiah Gorham[5] (*James*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland. John*[1]) (*Mary Joyce*[4], *Elizabeth Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Anna (Allen) Davis. Anna died in Barnstable 27 October 1811, aged 64 years, "widowed in 1805," and was buried 29 October 1811 in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.[5] [See #208:ii, page 284-85.]

Silvanus Gorham's father, Ebenezer Gorham, named Silvanus in his will dated 16 May 1772.[6] Anna was called "Annah, wife of Silvanus Gorham," in the will of her mother, Anna (Allen) (Davis) Gorham, dated 2 March 1792.[7]

Mrs. Anna Gorham was admitted to the East Church of Barnstable 6 November 1768. Her husband was called "Silvanus Gorham, wife Anna," when he was admitted 11 June 1772.[8]

Silvanus Gorham, in his will dated 15 February 1805, mentioned his beloved wife, Annah, and gave his son, Solomon Gorham, $2.00, his son Allen Gorham, $10.00, and his daughter Clarissa Matthews, $50.00. The remaining estate was divided into seven equal shares which were bequeathed to his sons Silvanus, Isaac, John and Ezekiel Gorham, and to his daughters Temperance, Sally and Hannah, "to come into possession after my wife's improvement ceases." The inventory amounted to $1,847.75 and

was recorded 19 September 1805. Wife Anna and son Silvanus were named executors. Witnesses were Peleg Thacher, Ruthy C. Davis and Mercy Easterbrooks.[9] Guardians were appointed for his minor children, Isaac, John, Ezekiel and Hannah Gorham.[10]

Children (Gorham), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[11]

i. **Solomon**[6-7-7], born 29 September 1769.
ii. **Allyn/Allen**, born 19 May 1771.
iii. **Ebenezer**, born 10 May 1773.
iv. **Isaiah**, born 13 April 1775.
v. **Clarissa**, born 12 May 1777.
vi. **Temperance/Tempe**, born 29 March 1779.
vii. **Sylvanus**, born 4 April 1781.
viii. **Betsy**, born 12 March 1783, died 25 September 1799.
ix. **Sally**, born 17 March 1785.
x. **Isaac**, born 3 April 1787.
xi. **John**, born 28 April 1789.
xii. **Ezekiel**, born 16 June 1791.
xiii. **Hannah**, born 26 November 1793.

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Samuel and Mary (Gorham) Davis of Gorham, Maine

John[1] Howland 1592~1672/3 m. 1623 Plymouth Elizabeth Tilley 1607~1687

John Gorham 1620/1~1675/6 m. 1643 Plymouth Desire[2] Howland 1625~1683

John Hawes 1640~1701 m. 1661 Barnstable Desire Gorham[3] 1644~1700

John Gorham[3] 1651/2~1716 m. 1674 Barnstable Mary Otis 1652/3~1732

James Gorham[3] 1650~1707 m. 1673 Barnstable Hannah Huckins 1653~1727/8

Joseph Hinckley 1672~1753 m. 1699 Barnstable Mary Gorham[4] 1680~1748

Joseph Hawes[4] 1673~1752 m. 1695 Barnstable Mary Howes 1672~1728/9

Gershom Davis 1702~1790 m. 1731 Barnstable Mary Hinckley[5] 1703/4~1756

Temperance Hawes[5] 1705~1767 m. 1727 Yarmouth Ebenezer Gorham[4] 1695/6~1776

Samuel Davis[6] 1734~bef. 1789 m. 1757 Barnstable Mary Gorham[5-6] 1735~aft. 1775

Children (Davis) of Gorham, Maine

i. Gershom,[6-7-7] b. 1758.
ii. Ebenezer, b. 1760, died young.
iii. Samuel, b. 1762.
iv. Mary, b. 1763.
v. Ebenezer, b. 1765.
vi. Prince, b. 1767.
vii. Jesse, b. 1769.
viii. William, b. 1771.
ix. Elizabeth, b. 1777.

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19. The Grandchildren of John Gorham[3]

242. **John Clapp**[5] (*Temperance Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Scituate, Mass., 14 October 1697, and baptized there in 1701,[1] the son of Stephen and Temperance (Gorham) Clapp. He died in Scituate 24 May 1769, in his 72d year.[2]

John Clapp married 5 November 1724 **Mercy Otis**,[3] who was born in Scituate 12 December 1700,[4] the daughter of Job and Mercy (Little) Otis, and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Richard Warren. Mercy died in Scituate 15 January 1761.[5]

John Clapp was called "Captain" in Scituate records. In his will dated 9 September 1764, proved 2 June 1767, John Clap (*sic*) of Scituate, yeoman, mentioned his sons Samuel, George, John and Constant Clap, his daughter Mercy Clap, unmarried, and his grandchildren Desire, Mercy and Ruth, children of his daughter, Rachel, deceased. Son Constant Clap was named executor. Witnesses were Joshua Lamb, Nathaniel Clap and Hannah Clap.[6]

Children (**Clapp**), born and baptized in Scituate, Mass.:[7]

i. **Samuel**[6], born 25 July 1725.
ii. **George**, born 7 October 1726, bapt. 23 October 1726; married Mary Gorham[5-5] (*John*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Prudence Crocker*[4], *Anne*[3] *Howland*, *John*[2-1]). [See #274, pages 367-68.]
iii. **John**, born 8 October 1728, bapt. 13 October 1728, died young.
iv. **Ruth**, born 16 November 1729, bapt. 28 December 1729; not mentioned in father's will.
v. **Rachel**, born 16 February 1731, bapt. 28 February 1730/1.
vi. **John**, born 5 July 1734, bapt. 14 July 1734.
vii. **Isaac**, born 18 April 1737, bapt. 8 May 1737, died 18 October 1739.
viii. **Mercy**, born 25 September 1740, bapt. 28 September 1740.
ix. **Constant**, born 1 June 1743, bapt. 5 June 1743.

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243. **Rachel Clapp**[5] (*Temperance Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Scituate, Mass., 29 May 1701, and baptized there in 1701,[1] the daughter of Stephen and Temperance (Gorham) Clapp. She died in Norton, Mass., 23 April 1783.[2]

Rachel Clapp married in Scituate 9 November 1721 (intentions Norton 8 September 1721) **George Leonard,**[3] who was born in Norton 4 March 1698,[4] the son of George and Anna (Tisdale) Leonard. He died in Norton 4 December 1778, aged 81 years.[5] George Leonard was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Thomas Rogers.

George Leonard was a Judge of the Probate Court and also in the Court of Common Pleas, and served as town clerk for many years. He was also colonel of his regiment.[6]

In his will dated 16 February 1771, with a codicil dated 14 January 1777, proved 5 January 1779, George Leonard mentioned his wife Rachel, his son George, his eldest daughter Rachel, wife of David Barnes of Scituate, and his second daughter Anna, wife of Gardner Chandler of Worcester, Mass.[7]

Children (**Leonard**), born in Norton, Mass.:[8]

i. **Rachel**[6], bapt. 7 July 1727.
ii. **George**, born 4 July 1729.
iii. **Anna**, mentioned in father's will.
iv. **Thomas**, born and died in 1743.

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244. **Thomas Clapp**[5] (*Temperance Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Scituate, Mass., 26 June 1703, and baptized there 6 August 1704,[1] the son of Stephen and Temperance (Gorham) Clapp. He died in New Haven, Conn., 2 January 1767, in his 64th year, and was buried from the Yale College Chapel.[2]

Thomas Clapp married first, in Windham, Conn., 23 November 1727 **Mary Whiting,**[3] who was born in Windham 24 November 1712,[4] the daughter of the Rev. Samuel and Elizabeth (Adams) Whiting of Windham. She died in Windham 9 August 1736, in her 24th year.[5] She was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Governor William Bradford.

Thomas Clapp married second, 5 February 1746 **Mary (Haynes) (Lord) Saltonstall,**[6] who was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1703, the daughter of the Hon. John and Mary Haynes. She was the widow of Elisha Lord of

Hartford and of Capt. Roswell Saltonstall of Branford, Conn.[7] She had five children by her second marriage.[8]

The Rev. Thomas Clapp graduated from Harvard College in 1722. He was ordained as pastor of the church in Windham, 3 August 1726, where he succeeded his father-in-law, the Rev. Samuel Whiting.[9] Thomas and his second wife joined the First Church of Christ in New Haven in 1745.[10] He served as President of Yale College from 1740 to 1766.[11]

No probate records were found in New Haven for Thomas Clapp.

Children (**Clapp**), born in Windham, Conn., by first wife, Mary Whiting:[12]

i. **Mary**[6], born 21 April 1729.
ii. **Temperance**, born 29 April 1732.

Three other children died young.

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245. **Stephen Clapp**[5] (*Temperance Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Scituate, Mass., 4 October 1706, and baptized there 1 December 1706,[1] the son of Stephen and Temperance (Gorham) Clapp. He died after May 1742, the date he brought a lawsuit in Plymouth court, but before 18 January 1755,[2] the date his father made his will.

Stephen Clapp married in Barnstable, Mass., 24 October 1734 (intentions Scituate 20 April 1734) **Mary Gorham**[5,3] who was born in Barnstable 7 February 1714,[4] the daughter of Shubael Gorham[4] (*John Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Mary Thacher. Mary died in Barnstable 8 June 1776,[5] in her 62d year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery called "Widow of Capt. Stephen Clap." [See #265, pages 357-58.]

In 1735 Stephen Clapp, Jr., of Scituate, called "mariner," sued Eleazer Rice, Boston trader, for a debt he was owed.[6] In March 1737/8, Stephen Clap (*sic*), Jr., of Scituate, sued David Seabury of North Yarmouth, York County, mariner, for debt.[7] In May 1738, Stephen Clap, Jr., Gentleman, of Scituate, sued Elisha Cobb of Eastham, housewright, for debt.[8] In December 1738, Stephen Clap, Jr., Gentleman, of Scituate, sued Joseph Tarr of Georgetown, York County, yeoman, Elisha Cobb of Falmouth, York County, housewright, John Stephens of North Yarmouth, York

County, labourer, and Daniel Orr of North Yarmouth, York County, husbandman, all sued for debt.[9]

In December 1739, Isaac Lathrop, Jr., took two actions against Stephen Clap, Jr., Gent., of Scituate.[10] Stephen Clap, Jr., Gent., sued Henry Bragg, Bristol merchant, for debt in March 1739/40.[11] He sued Nehemiah Riply, Plymouth cooper, in December 1741.[12] In May 1742, he sued Wooland Tompson, Uxbridge yeoman and Nathaniel Tompson, Uxbridge coaster or labourer.[13] There was one more suit filed in Plymouth in September 1755, by Stephen Clap, Gent., of Scituate, against Theophilus Cushing, but the "Jr." was missing and therefore, that action may have been made by his father who was still living.[14]

In 1763, Stephen's widow, Mary (Gorham) Clapp lived at Gorham Hall, a farm estate and house owned by her brother, Major Joseph Gorham, "on the Point" at Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, according to letters Major Gorham wrote to Melatiah Bourne of Boston. In January 1774, her brother, now Major General Gorham, wrote from London, England, "I am glad my sister has left Nova Scotia and wish she had done it sooner."[15]

Widow Mary Clapp apparently returned to Barnstable to live with her widowed sister, Hannah Crosby. Mary died intestate 8 June 1776. On 11 June 1776, her brother, David Gorham of Barnstable, Esq., was named administrator of her estate. The inventory, valued at £61-1-4, was taken by Benjamin Gorham, Otis Loring and Richard Bourne, and was presented to the court 13 August 1776.[16]

No children have been found for Stephen and Mary (Gorham) Clapp.

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246. **Nathaniel Clapp**[5] (*Temperance Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Scituate, Mass., 11 September 1709, baptized 23 October 1709,[1] the son of Stephen and Temperance (Gorham) Clapp. He died in Scituate before 19 December 1783, the date his will was entered for probate.[2]

Nathaniel Clapp of Scituate married in Barnstable, Mass., 22 December 1737 (intentions Barnstable 20 May 1737, Scituate 29 May 1737) his cousin, **Desire Bourne**[5-5],[3] who was born in Barnstable 19 January 1718,[4] the daughter of Col. Sylvanus Bourne[4] (*Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland,*

John[1]) and his wife, Mercy Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #286, page 379.] Desire probably died in Scituate after 27 April 1786, the date she received her dower from her husband's estate.[5]

Desire was called "Desire Clap" by both of her parents in their wills dated 20 May 1763 and 10 July 1781.[6]

Nathaniel Clapp was a magistrate in Scituate.[7] In his will dated 10 January 1776, proved 19 December 1783, Nathaniel Clapp of Scituate, Esquire, gave his wife Desire the use and improvement of his land and buildings in Scituate during her life, and all of his personal estate forever, in lieu of her dower. He mentioned his daughters, Hannah (unmarried), Desire Gorham, Susannah Benson, Mary (unmarried), Eunice Turner, and his son, Sylvanus Clapp, who was named executor, widow Desire Clapp having refused to serve. Sylvanus was given all of his father's lands after his mother's death, provided he paid £50 to each of his seven sisters, Hannah, Desire, Temperance Gorham (not mentioned previously), Susannah, Mary, Abigail and Eunice. Widow Desire Clapp's dower was set off to her 27 April 1786. The inventory amounting to £1219-0-0 was taken 19 December 1783 by Philip Turner, James Briggs and Elijah Turner. At one point Sylvanus Clapp stated that the estate was insolvent, probably due to the effects of the Revolutionary War. Fifty-eight claims against the estate were allowed totaling £760-15-2. The final accounting was made 1 July 1786.[8]

Children (**Clapp**), born and baptized in Scituate, Mass.:[9]

i. **Hannah**[6-6-6], born 11 November 1739.
ii. **Desire**, born 13 May 1741, bapt. 24 May 1741.
iii. **Sylvanus**, born 20 January 1742/3, bapt. 23 January 1742/3.
iv. **Temperance**, born 1 December 1744, bapt. 17 February 1744/5.
v. **Mary**, born 26 January 1746/7, bapt. 25 January 1746/7.
vi. **Susannah**, born 13 October 1748, bapt. 30 October 1748.
vii. **Abigail**, born 2 December 1750, bapt. 10 February 1750/1.
viii. **Eunice**, born 10 January 1752, bapt. 15 April 1753.
ix. **Rachel**, born in February 1755, bapt. 2 March 1755; died young.
x. **Nathaniel**, born 15 June 1756, bapt. 20 June 1756; died young.
xi. **Stephen**, born 27 June 1759; died young.

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247. **Mercy Hinckley**[5] (*Mary Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 17 August 1700,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Gorham) Hinckley. She died in Falmouth, Mass., 22 June 1778, aged 77 years.[2]

Mercy Hinckley married in Barnstable 16 March 1721 **John Bourne,**[3] who was born in Sandwich, Mass., 10 March 1698,[4] the son of Melatiah Bourne and his wife, Desire Chipman[3] (*Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), who was also a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. John Bourne died in Falmouth 2 February 1754, at 55 years of age.[5]

John Bourne's father, Melatiah Bourne, in his will dated 24 September 1742, probated 16 February 1743, gave his son John, and his grandson, Joseph, his land in Falmouth. John and Mercy Bourne moved to Falmouth before 1744.[6]

Mercy Bourne was admitted to the Falmouth Church 23 February 1744 and five of their children, John, David, Thomas, Elizabeth and Mercy Bourne, were baptized there 23 September 1744.[7]

Mercy's father, Joseph Hinckley of Barnstable, in his will dated 11 September 1751, proved 7 August 1753, mentioned his daughter, Mercy Bourne, and granddaughter, Mary Bourne.[8] Mercy's uncle, Isaac Hinckley of Barnstable, in his will dated 23 April 1757, proved 7 September 1762, called her "my kinswoman Mercy Bourne, daughter of my brother Joseph Hinckley, dec'd."[9]

Mercy's husband, John Bourne of Falmouth, in his will dated 7 June 1749, and probated 10 September 1754, gave his loving wife, Mercy, all of his personal estate and the use of three-fourths of his real estate, as long as she remained his widow. He mentioned his daughters Sarah Mendal, Mary, Elizabeth and Mercy Bourne, and his sons Joseph, John, David, Thomas and Isaac Bourne. In his codicil added 9 May 1750, his son Isaac Bourne having died, Isaac's portion was divided equally among John's four other sons. Witnesses were Rowland Robinson, Joseph Robinson and Samuel Shiverick.[10] Mercy was named as guardian of her two sons, David and Thomas Bourne.[11] The division of the real estate was made by Rowland Robinson, Esq., Capt. Joseph Robinson, Gent., Mr. Benjamin Chadwick, Mr. Thomas Parker and Mr. John Robinson, all of Falmouth, dated 16 December 1754, and accepted in January 1755.[12]

In her will dated 22 February 1777, probated 11 July 1778, Mercy Bourne gave her son, John Bourne of Falmouth, all of the property that had belonged to her deceased son, Thomas Bourne, directing John to pay small legacies to his sisters, Mercy Bassett, Sarah Mendal and Elizabeth Tabor, to his brothers Joseph Bourne and David Bourne, and to Mercy's granddaughters Anne Bassett and Mercy Bassett. Son John Bourne and son-in-law Barachiah Bassett were named executors. Witnesses were Joseph Palmer, Rachel Swift and Thankful Palmer.[13]

Children (**Bourne**), recorded in Falmouth, Mass.:[14]

i. **Joseph**[6-5], born 4 April 1725 (twin).
ii. **Sarah**, born 4 April 1725 (twin).
iii. **Mary**, born 10 April 1727, died in Falmouth 14 September 1754, aged 27 years; mentioned in grandfather Hinckley's will; no issue.
iv. **John**, born 10 June 1729, bapt. 23 September 1744.
v. **Mercy**, born 4 October 1731, died 24 December 1737, aged 6 years.
vi. **Elizabeth**, born 26 June 1733, bapt. 23 September 1744.
vii. **David**, born 6 February 1735, bapt. 23 September 1744.
viii. **Mercy**, born 14 May 1738, bapt. 23 September 1744.
ix. **Thomas**, born 24 August 1740, bapt. 23 September 1744.
x. **Isaac**, born 18 August 1746, bapt. 26 August 1746, died before 9 May 1750.

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248. **Joseph Hinckley**[5] (*Mary Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 6 May 1702,[1] the son of Joseph and Mary (Gorham) Hinckley. He died in Barnstable 9 September 1738.[2]

Joseph Hinckley married in Barnstable (intentions) 23 June 1725 **Mary Otis** of Scituate,[3] who was probably the one born in Scituate, Mass., in 1705,[4] the daughter of Job and Mercy (Little) Otis and the niece of the Mary Otis who married Col. John Gorham. She was probably also the sister of the Mercy Otis who married Joseph Hinckley's cousin, John Clapp. Mary married second, at Christ Church, Boston 8 October 1739, as his second wife, Caleb Phillips of Boston.[5] Mary died before 13 January 1742, when court records called her "deceased."[6]

Joseph Hinckley was admitted to the East Church in Barnstable 16 April 1736. His death was registered there 9 September 1738, aged 38 years (*sic*).[7] One month after his death, and thirteen years after his marriage, the birth of his only child was recorded in Barnstable, 4 October 1738. The situation was unusual enough to cause David Crocker, Clerk, to put into the record, "Joseph Hinkley (Son of Joseph Hinkley Jur Deceased in Sep: 1738 and Mary his wife) Born October 4th 1738 being born after the Death of his father — Entered March 1st 1738 [Old Style]."[8]

Joseph Hinckley died intestate. The administration of his estate was granted to Mary Hinckley, widow, 18 September 1738.[9] The records show

that on 13 January 1742, "widow Mary Hinckley, afterwards Mary Phillips, and she being since deceased, also without having fully administered the same," letters of administration, de bonis non, on the estate of Joseph Hinckley were granted to Caleb Phillips of Boston in the County of Suffolk, merchant. Mary had not paid all of the debts, so an inventory of the estate was ordered but seems not to have been filed.[10]

Child (**Hinckley**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[11]

i. **Joseph**[6], born 4 October 1738 (posthumous); probably died young; not mentioned in father's intestate probate records nor in grandfather's will dated 11 September 1751, proved 7 August 1753.[12]

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249. **Mary Hinckley**[5] (*Mary Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 25 February 1703/4,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Gorham) Hinckley. She died in Barnstable 31 March 1756.[2]

Mary Hinckley married, as his second wife, in Barnstable 23 September 1731 **Gershom Davis**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 5 September 1702,[4] the son of Joseph and Hannah (Cobb) Davis. Deacon Gershom Davis married first, 24 February 1725/6 Elizabeth Sturgis[5], the daughter of James Sturgis[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Rebecca Thacher, by whom he had one child, James Davis[6], who was also a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. [See #159, pages 235-36.] After Mary Hinckley's death, Deacon Gershom Davis married third, as her third husband, Thankful (Gorham[5]) (Hawes) Skiffe (*James Gorham*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Joyce*[4], *Elizabeth Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Thankful's first husband was Thomas Hawes[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland*, *John*[1]), by whom she had four children. Her children were also descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. [For the account of Thankful's ancestry, her previous husbands and her children by her first husband see #104, pages 177-78, and #206, page 283.] Deacon Gershom Davis died 29 April 1790, in his 87th year, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery in Barnstable.[5]

As "Mary Davis (Mrs. Gershom)," Mary was admitted into membership in the East Church in Barnstable 5 October 1740.[6] Mary's father, Joseph Hinckley, called her "Mary Davis" in his will dated 11 September 1751.[7]

Mary's husband, Deacon Gershom Davis, in his will dated 18 January 1789, probated 8 June 1790, mentioned his third wife, Thankful, his eldest son, James Davis, who was his son by his first wife, Elizabeth Sturgis, his children by his second wife, Mary, who were named as their daughters, Elizabeth Crocker and Mary Wood, their grandsons, the sons of their son Samuel Davis, deceased, and their three grandchildren, Henry Wood, Martha Wood and Abigail Wood. Witnesses were Nathaniel Gorham, Joseph Davis and James Davis, Jr. His third wife, Thankful, and eldest son, James Davis, were named co-executors but Thankful apparently died before 8 June 1790, for she did not join with her step-son, James Davis, when James entered his father's will for probate on that day.[8]

Gershom Davis's brother, James Davis, married Mary Hinckley's sister, Thankful Hinckley. [See #250, pages 335-36.] Gershom's sister, Mary Davis married Matthias Gorham. [See #219, pages 297-98.]

Children (**Davis**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[9]

i. **Robert**[6], born 12 July 1732, died 13 December 1738.
ii. **Samuel**, born 13 September 1734, married **Mary Gorham**[5-6] (*Ebenezer*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Temperance Hawes*[5], *Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #238, pages 316-18.]
iii. **Elizabeth**, born 12 August 1736.
iv. **Mary**, born 5 December 1740.
v. **Abigail**, born 12 July 1744, died young.
vi. **Abigail**, born 12 July 1746.
vii. **Mercy**, born 4 February 1748, died young.

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250. **Thankful Hinckley**[5] (*Mary Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 9 July 1708,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Gorham) Hinckley. She died in Barnstable 20 August 1745.[2]

Thankful Hinckley married in Barnstable 2 December 1727 (intentions 22 September 1727) **James Davis**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 30 July 1700,[4] the son of Joseph and Hannah (Cobb) Davis. James Davis died in Barnstable before 12 March 1745, the date Isaac Davis, was named administrator of James's estate.[5]

Thankful died before her father, Joseph Hinckley, who called her "deceased" in his will dated 11 September 1751.[6]

Thankful's husband, James Davis, died intestate. On 12 March 1745 Isaac Hinckley, Jr., filed letters of administration on the estate of James Davis.[7] On the same day, Hannah Davis, minor daughter of James Davis, deceased, chose her uncle, her father's brother, Robert Davis of Barnstable, as her guardian. Robert Davis was also appointed as the guardian of Hannah's brothers, Benjamin and Joseph. Another uncle, their mother's brother, Isaac Hinckley, Jr., was named as the guardian of Eunice, Thankful and James. Another uncle, their father's brother, Gershom Davis, was named guardian of the youngest son, David Davis.[8]

On 31 December 1755 the court appointed Josiah Davis, Edward Bacon and Oris Bacon, all of Barnstable, to settle the real estate, amounting to £129-0-0, on the eldest son, Joseph Davis. On 27 March 1756, division of the estate was made to daughter Hannah Davis, now the wife of Isaac Davis, and to the minor children, James, Benjamin, David, Thankful and Eunice Davis, each of whom received £16-2-6.[9]

Both parents died young and the children were raised by their grandfather, Joseph Hinckley.[10]

Children (Davis), born and baptized in Barnstable, Mass.:[11]

i. **Hannah**[6], bapt. 4 July 1729, died 20 December 1729, aged 5 months 13 days.
ii. **Hannah**, born 31 May 1731; married first, Isaac Davis; married second, her cousin, David Gorham[5-5] (*Shubael*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #264, pages 355-57.]
iii. **Joseph**, born 15 August 1733; mentioned in grandfather's will.
iv. **Benjamin**, born 27 June 1735.
v. **Eunice**, born 8 August 1737.
vi. **Thankful**, born 7 November 1739.
vii. **James**, born 6 March 1741.
viii. **David**, born 4 January 1743.
ix. **Barnabas**, died young.

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251. **Abigail Hinckley**[5] (*Mary Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 30 October 1710,[1] the daughter of Joseph

and Mary (Gorham) Hinckley. She died in Harwich, Mass., 7 September 1749.[2]

Abigail Hinckley married, as his second wife, in Barnstable 3 January 1741/2 (intentions Harwich 14 November 1741) **John Dillingham**, Jr.,[3] who was born in Harwich 23 March 1701/2,[4] the son of John and Lydia (Chapman) Dillingham. John Dillingham had married first, 29 December 1726 Mehitable Gray,[5] daughter of John and Susannah (Clark) Gray, by whom he had five children. John Dillingham married third, 16 May 1751 Mary (Snow) Nye[6] of Sandwich, daughter of Joseph and Mehitable (Bourne) Snow, and had one more child. Only his child by Abigail Hinckley was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

John Dillingham was a wealthy farmer in Harwich, with an estate valued at £1716-19-7. In his will dated 4 August 1758, John Dillingham of Harwich, yeoman, mentioned his third wife, Mary, his three married daughters, Desire Bangs, Susannah Bangs and Rhoda Snow, his daughter Mehitable, and his son John Dillingham. Mehitable Dillingham, John's only child by Abigail Hinckley, was given seven acres of woodland, £20 in money and the part of her father's moveable estate that her mother had brought with her at her marriage.[7] Benjamin Bangs was appointed guardian of daughter Mehitable Dillingham. Joseph Nye was named guardian of son John Dillingham,[8] John's son by his third wife.

Child (**Dillingham**), born in Harwich, Mass.:[9]

i. **Mehitable**[6], born in 1747; mentioned in grandfather Hinckley's will.

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252. **John Hinckley**[5] (*Mary Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 16 November 1717,[1] the son of Joseph and Mary (Gorham) Hinckley. He died in Barnstable 17 March 1775, in his 58th year, and was buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery.[2]

"Mr." John Hinckley, "Jr.," married in Barnstable 24 January 1744/5 (intentions 29 December 1744) "Mrs." **Bethiah Freeman**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 4 July 1725,[4] the daughter of Nathaniel and Mercy (Paine) Freeman. Bethiah died in Barnstable 29 August 1788, in her 64th year, called "Widow Bethiah Hinckley."[5]

Bethiah Hinckley, called "Mrs. John Hinckley, Jr.," was admitted into membership in the East Church of Barnstable 7 May 1758.[6] In an unusual situation, John and Bethiah Hinckley's daughter, Elizabeth,

married a man with the same name as her father — *John Hinckley*, as stated by her father in his will.[7] East Church records show that their daughter, "Elizabeth Hinckley (Mrs. John)" was admitted into membership 7 July 1776. She died less than two months later, 1 September 1776, "about 24 years of age."[8] Her mother's will shows that daughter Elizabeth (Hinckley) Hinckley had two sons, Joseph and John Hinckley.[9]

Deacon John Hinkley (*sic*) of Barnstable, yeoman, in his will dated 26 July 1774, proved 8 April 1775, gave his loving wife, Bethiah Hinkley, the use and improvement of all of his real estate during her widowhood, and all of his personal estate except his silver tankard. He gave his son, Freeman Hinkley, £26-13-4, to be paid to him by his brother, John Hinkley, within one year after John came into possession of the real estate. He gave his son, James Hinkley, the same amount under the same conditions. He gave his unmarried daughters, Bethiah, Mary and Sarah Hinkley, each £15, in addition to the use of the westernmost room and back bedroom in his house, including kitchen and cellar privileges, until they married. He gave "Elizabeth Hinkley, wife of John Hinkley" 40 shillings which, with what she had received previously, was equivalent with her sisters' portions. He gave his son, John Hinkley, all of his real estate after his debts were paid, he to pay the sums bequeathed to his brothers and sisters. Son John was also given the pew in the East Meeting House in Barnstable, and was directed to allow his unmarried sisters a seat as long as they attended that meeting. Son John was to have his father's silver tankard after his mother's decease. Deacon John Hinkley named his wife, Bethiah Hinkley, as the sole executrix. Witnesses were Edward Adams, Joseph Hinkley and Isaac Hinkley. The will was presented for probate 8 April 1775 and sworn to by Isaac and Joseph Hinkley.[10]

Bethiah Hinckley of Barnstable, widow, in her will dated 26 July 1788, proved 11 September 1788, gave her sons, John Hinckley, Freeman Hinckley and James Hinckley, each six shillings. She gave her two grandsons, Joseph Hinckley and John Hinckley, "sons to my daughter Elizabeth, deceased," one feather bed and bolster between them. She gave her two daughters, Mary Hinckley and Sarah Hinckley, all of the remainder of her estate and appointed them as executrices. Witnesses were Isaac Hinckley, Abner Loring and Sarah Crocker. The will was presented for probate 11 September 1788 by Mary Hinckley and Sarah Hinckley, and was sworn to by Isaac Hinckley and Abner Loring.[11]

Children (**Hinckley**), born in Barnstable, Mass., first and second buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable:[12]

i. **Joseph**[6], born 10 November 1745, died aged 12 months 11 days.
ii. **Bethiah**, called "Jr.," born 25 August 1747, died 23 February 1775, "aged 28 years"; "in her 28th year."

iii. **Mary**, born 9 August 1749; co-executrix of mother's will.
iv. **Elizabeth**, born 9 August 1752, died in September 1776, "aged about 24 years"; "in her 23d year."
v. **John**, born 15 October 1754; called "Brick John."
vi. **Freeman**, born 27 June 1757.
vii. **James**, born 2 April 1760.
viii. **Sarah**, born 28 October 1763; co-executrix of mother's will.

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253. **Isaac Hinckley**[5] (*Mary Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 31 October 1719,[1] the son of Joseph and Mary (Gorham) Hinckley. He died in Barnstable in December 1802, at 83 years of age, and was buried in the West Barnstable Cemetery.[2]

Isaac Hinckley married in Barnstable 18 December 1748 (intentions 7 September 1748) his cousin, **Hannah Bourne**[5-5],[3] who was born in Barnstable 8 December 1725,[4] the daughter of Sylvanus Bourne[4] (*Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Mercy Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Hannah died after 9 April 1805, the date an accounting of her husband's estate was entered in probate court records. She was buried in the West Barnstable Cemetery but the date was omitted.[5] [See #290, page 385.]

Hannah's father, Sylvanus Bourne, in his will dated 20 May 1763, mentioned his five daughters, including Hannah Hinckley, to whom he gave £66-13-4. Her mother, Mercy Bourne, in her will dated 10 July 1781, also called her daughter "Hannah Hinckley."[6]

Isaac Hinckley graduated from Harvard College in 1740, where he was a classmate of Samuel Adams. He was a selectman and town clerk for many years and served as a trustee for the Mashpee Indians. He was a Justice of the Peace and a member of the Court of General Sessions.[7]

Isaac Hinckley, Esq., of Barnstable, died intestate. On 12 December 1802, the subscribers appointed by the probate judge reported that a list of claims of creditors against the estate amounted to $7,349.83. On 13 September 1803, Mary (*sic*) Hinckley presented and made oath to the inventory of the estate which totaled $610.81. On 11 January 1803, Mrs. Hannah Hinckley was appointed as the administratrix. An accounting by Joseph Hinckley, as attorney for Hannah Hinckley, administratrix, showed

a personal estate valued at $610.81 and charges against the estate of $421.90, which was accepted by the probate judge, 9 April 1805. Included in the amount was $300 "what the judge allowed the widow." An accounting was recorded 9 April 1805 by Joseph Hinckley, attorney for Mary (*sic*) Hinckley, administratrix for the estate of Isaac Hinckley, deceased, which listed a balance of $188.91, while the claims of creditors amounted to $7,349.83. The court ordered the distribution of the insolvent estate to creditors at 1½ cents on the dollar.[8]

Hannah Hinckley apparently preferred to be known as "Mary."

Children (**Hinckley**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[9]

i. **Richard**[6-6-6], born 29 October 1749.
ii. **Hannah**, born 25 March 1751.
iii. **Abigail**, born 13 February 1753.
iv. **Joseph**, born 6 March 1755.
v. **Elizabeth**, born 30 April 1757.
vi. **Isaac**, born 18 June 1760.
vii. **Charles**, born 1 November 1762.
vii. **Eunice**, born 14 July 1765.

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254. **Mary Gorham**[5] (*Stephen*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 15 March 1704,[1] the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner) Gorham. She died on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 18 February 1780.[2]

Mary Gorham married on Nantucket 1 September 1721, her mother's cousin, **Andrew Gardner**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 26 October 1699,[4] the son of Nathaniel and Abigail (Coffin) Gardner. Andrew Gardner died in Sherborn, Nantucket 2 March 1782.[5]

Mary Gorham was mentioned in the will of her father, Stephen Gorham, dated 27 September 1743.[6]

Andrew Gardner "of Sherborn in the County of Nantucket," was first a mariner and then a blacksmith, according to many deeds on file in Nantucket, starting in 1723.[7] On 18 July 1763 Andrew Gardner gave land to his son, Solomon Gardner, boatwright, which Solomon sold to James Clark.[8] On 12 March 1777 Andrew Gardner gave his son, Josiah, the

piece of land where Josiah's dwelling house stood. Two years later, on 26 June 1779, Andrew Gardner gave his son, Zachariah, mariner, the land where Zachariah's dwelling house stood. And on 23 August 1779, Andrew gave his son, Stephen, the dwelling house where Stephen lived, reserving the right of Andrew and his wife, Mary, to live in it for the rest of their natural lives, and also reserving one room for their daughter, Elizabeth Green, as long as she remained a widow.[9]

On 13 August 1779, 15 February 1780 and 1 August 1780, Andrew Gardner sold land to his three sons, Stephen, Josiah and Zachariah, all mariners. This last deed was recorded 22 March 1782, twenty days after Andrew's death.[10] By this date Andrew's wife, Mary, and all of their other sons were dead. On 4 March 1785, Hezekiah Gardner, cordwainer, who had a power of attorney from Stephen Gardner, mariner, who was the executor of the estate of his father, Andrew Gardner, sold Gardner land to George Lawrence.[11]

In his will dated 17 May 1781, proved 6 December 1782, Andrew Gardner, yeoman, mentioned his grandchildren, the children of his son, Nathaniel Gardner, deceased; his daughter Elizabeth Green, widow; his son Josiah Gardner; his grandchildren, the children of his daughter Mary Coleman, deceased; his sons Stephen Gardner and Zachariah Gardner; his granddaughter Lydia Coffin, daughter of his daughter Abigail; and the heirs of his son Solomon Gardner, deceased. Son Stephen Gardner was named sole executor. Witnesses were William Hussey, Jr., Elisha Swain and Frederick Folger,[12]

Children (**Gardner**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[13]

i. **Christopher**[6], born 14 December 1722; not mentioned in father's will.
ii. **Nathaniel**, born 3 May 1724; called deceased in father's will.
iii. **Thomas**, born 13th 6 mo. 1727; not mentioned in father's will.
iv. **Andrew**, born 2 July 1729; not mentioned in father's will.
v. **Solomon**, born 27 February 1731; deceased in father's will.
vi. **Mary**, born 28 August 1734.
vii. **Abigail**, born 2 April 1737.
viii. **Elizabeth**, born 20 January 1741.
ix. **Stephen**, born in May 1743.
x. **Josiah**, mentioned in father's will.
xi. **Zachariah**, mentioned in father's will.

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255. **Susannah Gorham**[5] (*Stephen*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 8 October 1705,[1] the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner) Gorham. She died on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 13 July 1777.[2]

Susannah Gorham married first, on Nantucket 1 February 1726/7 **Daniel Paddock,**[3] who was born on Nantucket 12 September 1707,[4] the son of Nathaniel and Ann (Bunker) Paddock. Daniel Paddock was lost at sea in December 1743.[5]

Susannah (Gorham) Paddock married second, as his third wife, in Sherborn, Nantucket, 24 February 1752 **Jonathan Folger,**[6] who was born on Nantucket 10 February 1696,[7] the son of John and Mary (Barnard) Folger. Jonathan Folger had married first, 6 March 1717, Margaret Gardner, by whom he had Ruth, born 10 April 1718, Dinah, born 24 April 1720, Reuben, born 10 June 1722, Abigail, born 27 May 1724 and Jonathan, born 7 May 1727, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Jonathan had married second, 29 August 1728 Deborah (Paddock) Bunker.[8] Jonathan Folger died on Nantucket 6 March 1777.[9]

Susannah was mentioned by her father, Stephen Gorham, in his will dated 27 September 1743.[10]

Daniel Paddock was a sea captain who was lost at sea in 1743, leaving his widow, Susannah, and seven children under sixteen years of age.[11]

Susannah's second husband, Jonathan Folger, was a blacksmith, according to many deeds registered in Nantucket from 1725 to 1769.[12] In a deed dated 24 October 1757, Jonathan Folger gave land to his sister, Bethiah Barker, widow, which had formerly belonged to their father.[13] On 21 April 1758 and on 13 November 1764, Jonathan Folger sold two pieces of land to Stephen Paddock, weaver, probably his stepson.[14]

Children (**Paddock**), all by her first husband, Daniel Paddock, born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[15]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 9th mo. 1727.
ii. **Stephen**, born 10th mo. 1729.
iii. **Lydia**, born 18th 2 mo. 1732; married Shubael Bunker[5] (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #479, pages 615-16.]
iv. **Susannah**, born 12th 3 mo. 1734.
v. **Eunice**, born 2d 1 mo. 1736.
vi. **Deborah**, born 30th 1 mo. 1739.

vii. **Barnabas**, born 2d mo. 1741.

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256. **Nathaniel Gorham**[5] (*Stephen*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 3 May 1709,[1] the son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner) Gorham. He died in Boston, Mass., 24 December 1761.[2]

Nathaniel Gorham married in Charlestown, Mass., 6 January 1736/7 (intentions 11 December 1736) **Mary Soley**,[3] who was baptized on the Island of Nantucket 1 September 1717,[4] the daughter of John and Dorcas (Coffin) Soley. Mary died in Boston 12 May 1800, aged 83 years.[5]

Nathaniel's father, Stephen Gorham, in his will dated 27 September 1743, stated, "My son Nathaniel, as a further consideration of what I have given him, shall make no demand out of my Estate for any debt due or owing from me to him, and I do hereby on that condition release all such demand upon or against him."[6]

Capt. Nathaniel Gorham was a Boston merchant. He named his widow administratrix of his estate 27 January 1762. The inventory of his estate included a house and wharf, a warehouse on Soley's wharf, and a pasture on Main Road.[7]

Capt. Nathaniel Gorham's son, also named Nathaniel, became famous as a member of the Massachusetts legislature. He was a delegate to the Continental Congress and was its president in 1786-1787. As a delegate to the Constitutional Convention he served as the presiding officer of the Committee of the Whole for most of the Convention.[8]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Charlestown, Mass.:[9]

i. **Nathaniel**[6], born 27 May 1738.
ii. **Mary**, born 24 February 1739/40.
iii. **John**, born in 1742, died in 1761.
iv. **Elizabeth**, born 14 July 1745.
v. **Stephen**, born 19 April 1747.

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257. **Sarah Gorham**[5] (*Stephen*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 6 August 1711,[1] the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner) Gorham. She died on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 18 July 1748.[2]

Sarah Gorham married on Nantucket 13 February 1734/5 **Daniel Hussey,**[3] who was born on Nantucket about 1714,[4] the son of Silvanus and Abiel (Browne) Hussey. Daniel Hussey died in London, England, 1 August 1750.[5]

Sarah Gorham was mentioned in the will of her father, Stephen Gorham, dated 27 September 1743.[6] Sarah's husband, Daniel Hussey was a mariner. Sarah died two years before her husband. In his will dated 31 July 1750, proved 31 December 1750, Daniel Hussey said that his estate was to be divided equally among his children, named as Stephen, Elizabeth, Daniel, Rachel and Eunice Hussey. He named his father, Silvanus Hussey, and his brother-in-law, Barnabas Coleman, as executors. Witnesses were Nathaniel Coleman, Samuel Starbuck and Elizabeth Mason. The inventory amounted to £6,369 and included sloops named *Mary, Hephzibah, Two Brothers* and *Indian Boy*, as well as two shares in the schoolhouse.[7]

On 8 July 1754 Daniel's brother-in-law, Barnabas Coleman, was named as guardian of Eunice Hussey, about ten years of age, and Stephen Hussey, a minor about nineteen years of age, both children of Daniel Hussey, deceased. On the same day Silvanus Hussey was named guardian for Rachel Hussey, about thirteen years of age, and for Daniel Hussey, about fifteen years of age, "now out of the Province," both children of Daniel Hussey, deceased. The other living child, Elizabeth, had been married earlier in the year.[8]

Daniel Hussey's father, Silvanus Hussey of Sherborn, in his will proved in March 1767, mentioned Daniel's surviving children, Stephen Hussey, Daniel Hussey, Elizabeth Coffin, Rachel Mitchell and Eunice Worth.[9]

Children (**Hussey**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[10]

i. **Stephen**[6], born 2d 6 mo. (or 4 mo.) 1735.
ii. **Elizabeth**, born 23d 2 mo. 1736/7.
iii. **Daniel**, born 10th 9 mo. 1739.
iv. **Rachel**, born 13th 9 mo. 1741.
v. **Eunice**, born 30th 9 mo. 1744; married Daniel Worth[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2], *John*[1]). [See #464, pages 598-99.]
vi. **David**, born 6 November 1746; not mentioned in father's will.

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258. **Elizabeth Gorham**[5] (*Stephen*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 6 July 1718,[1] the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner) Gorham. She died on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 23d 6 mo. 1772.[2]

Elizabeth Gorham married first, on Nantucket 14th 6 mo. 1740 **David Bunker**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 19th 1 mo. 1716,[4] the son of Benjamin and Deborah (Paddock) Bunker. David died at sea in 1755.[5]

Elizabeth married second, as his third wife, in Sherborn, Nantucket, 6th 10 mo. 1768 **William Russell**,[6] who was born on Nantucket,[7] the son of Daniel and Deborah (Macy) Russell. William Russell had married first, 9 March 1737/8 Ruth Swain,[8] the daughter of John and Mary (Swett) Swain. William had married second, on Nantucket 2d 10 mo. 1741 Mary Coleman,[9] daughter of John and Priscilla (Starbuck) Coleman, by whom he had several children who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. William Russell died on Nantucket 19th 7 mo. 1782.[10]

Elizabeth was mentioned by her father, Stephen Gorham, in his will dated 27 September 1743.[11]

Before Elizabeth married David Bunker, David received property in a deed dated 7 July 1736, in which Shubael Pinkham and his wife, Abigail, deeded to their kinsman, David Bunker of Sherborn, cooper, part of the rights to a dwelling house that formerly belonged to Thomas Bunker, deceased, which was now occupied by Reuben Bunker, cooper.[12]

David Bunker was among the prisoners who arrived in Boston from Quebec, 16 August 1747, after they had been redeemed from their French and Indian captors during King George's War.[13] On 14 March 1748 David Bunker, mariner, sold to Thomas Bunker, carpenter, a piece of swamp next to the house of Jane Bunker.[14] No probate records have been found for David Bunker.

Elizabeth's second husband, William Russell of Sherborn, was called a sadler in a deed dated 20 October 1756, before he married Elizabeth.[15] In his will dated 13 April 1782, proved 2 August 1782, written ten years after Elizabeth's death, William Russell mentioned his children by his second wife, named as Timothy Russell, Mary Barnard and Ruth Beard. His son-in-law, John Beard and John Barnard, were named as joint executors. Witnesses were Joseph Coffin, Samuel Long and Frederick

Folger.[16] None of these Russell children were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Elizabeth did not have any children by her second husband.

Children (**Bunker**), all by her first husband, David Bunker, born in Sherborn, Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[17]

i. **Lois**[6], born 10 August 1741.
ii. **Eunice**, born 21 July 1744.
iii. **David**, born 16 July 1748.
iv. **Solomon**, born in September 1750.
v. **Alexander**, born in December 1751.
vi. **Elizabeth**, born 28 June 1754.

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259. **Eunice Gorham**[5] (*Stephen*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 29 March 1720,[1] the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner) Gorham. She died in Sherborn, on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 13 July 1790, aged 70 years.[2]

Eunice Gorham married on Nantucket 1 November 1744, her cousin, **Peleg Gardner**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 8 January 1718/9,[4] the son of Jethro and Keziah (Folger) Gardner. Peleg Gardner died in Sherborn, Nantucket 5 September 1761.[5]

Eunice was mentioned in the will of her father, Stephen Gorham, dated 27 September 1743.[6] Eunice's husband, Peleg Gardner, was a blacksmith. He bought and sold property on Nantucket from February 1754 until February 1761.[7] In his will dated 10 August 1761, proved 7 October 1761, Peleg Gardner of Sherborn, blacksmith, devised property to his trusty friend, Samuel Bunker of Sherborn, to clear up encumbrances that might arise from Peleg's acting as guardian for Peter Bunker, a minor son of Peter Bunker, late of Sherborn. Peleg Gardner gave his wife, Eunice, the use of the residue of his estate during the time she remained his widow. He gave his dwelling house to his son, Barzillai Gardner, and his household goods to his daughters, Keziah, Rachel, Sarah and Elizabeth Gardner, "after their mother's term expired." He named his wife, Eunice, as executrix. Witnesses were Elizabeth Bunker, Judith Macy, Jonathan Macy and William Rotch.[8]

Peleg Gardner's estate proved to be difficult to untangle. On 6 February 1764 a deed was signed which stated in part, "We, Eunice Gardner, Widow and Executrix of the last will and testament of Peleg Gardner, her late husband, and of Jethro Gardner, both late of Sherborn, deceased; Hezekiah Gardner, cordwainer, for himself as executor of the last will and testament of Judith Bunker of Sherborn aforesd, deceased; Peter Gardner, glazier; and Susannah Gardner, widow, executrix of the last will and testament of her late husband, Matthew Gardner, deceased, all of Sherborn: . . . in consideration that Peleg Gardner, Hezekiah Gardner, Peter Gardner, Matthew Gardner, Jethro Gardner, Peter Bunker and Judith, his wife, did by the hand or writing obligatory bearing date at Sherborn aforesd, February 12th 1754 . . . to give grant convey and confirm to Caleb Macy of Sherborn, cordwainer, a piece of land in the right of his wife, Judith Macy, in the right of her first husband, James Gardner . . . we the said Eunice Gardner, Hezekiah Gardner, Peter Gardner and Susannah Gardner have given, granted and conveyed . . . to Caleb Macy . . . land in Sherborn." This was recorded 8 February 1764.[9] On 6 February 1775, Eunice Gardner, widow of Peleg Gardner, sold feeding rights to Hezekiah Gardner, her deceased husband's brother.[10] On 3 May 1776, Eunice Gardner, representing herself and her children, joined others in agreeing to a division of land. This was not recorded until 20 May 1790.[11] On 31 March 1777, Eunice sold land to Paul Bunker, merchant.[12] On 3 December 1785, Joseph Marshall, administrator for the estate of Peleg Gardner, sold the rights of eleven sheep's commons to Jonathan Burnell, and on 14 March 1786, he sold land with a dwelling house to Reuben Chase, mariner.[13]

Children (**Gardner**), born in Sherborn, Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[14]

i. **Keziah**[6], born 11 November 1745.
ii. **Rachel**, born 13 May 1747.
iii. **Sarah**, born 1 March 1749.
iv. **Elizabeth**, born 16 February 1751.
v. **Barzillai**, born 18 April 1753.

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260. **Josiah Gorham**[5] (*Stephen*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 2 June 1723 (*sic*), recorded on Nantucket as 2d 6 mo. 1723 (*sic*),[1] the son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner) Gorham. Josiah died in Easton, Washington County, New York, in September 1803, aged 90 years.[2]

Josiah Gorham married in Barnstable 26 February 1752 (intentions 2 November 1751) his second cousin, **Deborah Lovell**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 13 November 1730,[4] the daughter of James Lovell and his wife, Abigail Gorham[4] (*Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Deborah died before 13th day 10th mo. 1802, the date her husband wrote his will.[5] [See #449, page 580.]

Josiah Gorham was mentioned by his father, Stephen Gorham, in his will dated 27 September 1743.[6] His wife, Deborah Lovell, was mentioned by her father, James Lovell, in his will dated 2 May 1755, probated 1 June 1761.[7] Deborah, was received into the Friend's Meeting at Nantucket 29 July 1765.[8] Josiah was the captain of a whaling ship. In 1756 he was captured by the French during the French and Indian War and taken to France as a prisoner. After his release he returned to Nantucket but, before the Revolutionary War, he took his family to Easton, Washington Co., New York, where he became a farmer. In 1795 Easton town records show that Josiah Gorham was assessed for four days work on the highway, and his son, Josiah, Jr., was assessed for two days work. In 1800 and 1803, Josiah Gorham, Jr., was Overseer of Highways.[9]

In his will dated 13 day 10th mo. 1802, proved 8 October 1803, Josiah Gorham, yeoman, mentioned the heirs of his deceased son, James, his son Josiah, and his two daughters, Deborah and Abigail Gorham. He gave one silver spoon to his grandson, James Gorham, son of his son James. Benjamin Starbuck and Lewis Taber were named executors.[10]

On 22 June 1810, Deborah Gorham, seamstress, of Easton, Washington Co., N.Y., perhaps Josiah's unmarried daughter, sold a parcel of land to Elisha and Jonathan Handy, "part of lot number thirty-five in the grand division of Saratoga Patent . . . eighty acres of land together with one-half of the old dwelling house on the premises, also one acre of the above described land is accepted . . . which was conveyed to Josiah Gorham, Junr."[11] On 6 January 1817 (*sic*), an indenture was signed by Prince Gardner and Mary, his wife, Jonathan Gorham, James Gorham and Susan, his wife, and Deborah Gorham, all of Nantucket, [parties] of the first part, with Isaac Handy and his son Nathan Handy, of the second part, in which the Handys bought nineteen and one-quarter acres of land in the Town of Easton, lot #35, in Saratoga Patent. Elihu Barker signed the indenture for the Nantucket people who were apparently the children of his deceased son, James Gorham, and Josiah Gorham's grandchildren.[12]

On 16 December 1809, Jonathan Gorham, Nantucket trader, sold for $100 to Prince Gardner, Jr., Nantucket cooper, five acres of land in Easton, N.Y., given to Jonathan by his grandfather, Josiah Gorham, yeoman, of Easton, deceased, by his last will and testament.[13] On 30 December 1811, Josiah Gorham, Sr.'s grandson, (Josiah, Jr.'s son), Stephen Gorham, and his wife, Betsey, of Easton, sold land to Elisha and Jonathan Handy of Easton, which contained the dwelling house in which Josiah Gorham, Sr., had lived in 1800, and mentioned a tavern kept by Josiah Gorham.[14]

Early settlers in Easton, N.Y., originally from Nantucket, included Daniel Folger, William Coffin, William Swain, Robert Meader, Barzilla Hussey, David Beard, John Swain and Nathaniel Coffin, all captains of whaling vessels who left their homes on Nantucket and in Dartmouth to become farmers in New York before 1789.[15]

Children (**Gorham**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[16]

i. **James**[6-6], born 19 November 1754 (19th 11 mo. 1754).
ii. **Josiah**, mentioned in his father's will.
iii. **Deborah**, mentioned in her father's will.
iv. Unnamed child of Josiah died 12th 5 mo. 1759.
v. **Abigail**, mentioned in her father's will.
vi. Unnamed child of Josiah died 25th 12 mo. 1760.

Note: The Gorham MS erroneously added two more sons, Stephen and John Gorham, to the list of Josiah's children. These were apparently the sons of Josiah Gorham, Jr., and his wife, Eunice Swain. They were not mentioned in Josiah, Sr.'s, will because their father, Josiah, Jr., was still living and received his share of his father's estate in person.

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261. **Lois Gorham**[5] (*Stephen*[4]; *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 5 November 1727,[1] the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner) Gorham. She died on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 3 March 1804.[2]

Lois Gorham married on Nantucket 6th 10 mo. 1744 **Jonathan Macy,**[3] who was born on Nantucket 8th 4 mo. 1725,[4] the son of John and Judith (Worth) Macy. Jonathan Macy died on Nantucket 17th 6 mo. 1798.[5]

Lois Gorham was mentioned by her father, Stephen Gorham, in his will dated 27 September 1743.[6]

Lois Gorham's husband, Jonathan Macy, was a tanner. In 1757 and 1758 he joined with his brothers in the division of the land they had inherited from his father, John Macy.[7] Subsequent divisions among the heirs continued to be recorded for many years. In 1771 Jonathan Macy was appointed by his brother, David Macy, to be his attorney when David moved to Guilford County, North Carolina.[8] Many transactions were recorded until 1796 when Jonathan Macy, Sr., blind, sold land to his son, Jonathan Macy, Jr., mariner.[9]

Jonathan Macy's sister, Judith Clasby, widow of William Clasby, in her will dated 2 8th mo. 1794, proved 6 August 1795, bequeathed to Jonathan the three-quarters of her estate which was left after he had been paid "to satisfy him for all his trouble and expense of boarding me both in sickness and in health." Her cousin, Lydia Macy, was given the remainder of Judith's estate.[10]

Jonathan was a devout Quaker. A few years before his death he became totally blind but continued to attend Quaker Meeting as an elder.[11] In his will dated "3rd day of the first month 1791," proved 5 July 1798, Jonathan Macy of Sherborn, cordwainer, bequeathed to his beloved wife, Lois Macy, to her and her heirs forever, one-third of his personal estate after his debts were paid. He also gave her the use and income from one-third of his real estate during her widowhood, with the provision that, if she needed more than the income in her declining years, she could sell some property, with the advice of the executors. He gave his daughter, Elizabeth Coleman, £10. He gave his four sons, Jonathan, Barnabas, Peleg and Samuel Macy, and his daughter Judith Macy, all of the remainder of both his real and personal property, to be divided equally. His daughter, Judith, was to have the liberty of having two chambers in addition to some room in the cellar, with the privilege to pass and repass, as part of her portion. Son Samuel was to have the rest of the dwelling house and the land around it, at a lawful appraisal. His four sons were named executors. Witnesses were Samuel Redman, David Green and Thomas Rotch.[12]

Children (**Macy**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[13]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 18 August 1745.
ii. **Miriam**, born 24 June 1748, died in December 1748.
iii. **Jonathan**, born 4 November 1749.
iv. **Barnabas**, born 16 April 1752.

v. **Solomon**, born 23 June 1754, died in July 1755.
vi. **Susannah**, born 27 May 1756, died 15 August 1757.
vii. **Samuel**, born 3 October 1758, died 16 August 1761.
viii. **Peleg**, born 11 November 1760.
ix. **Judith**, born 18 March 1763.
x. **Samuel**, born 18 2 mo. 1765.
xi. **Seth**, born in September 1767, died in August 1768.

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262. **Lydia Gorham**[5] (*Stephen*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) whose birth was recorded on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., in January 1729,[1] was the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Gardner) Gorham. She died on Nantucket 8 May 1765.[2]

Lydia Gorham married, as his first wife, on Nantucket 14 February 1750 **William Swain** "of Saratoga, New York,"[3] who was born on Nantucket 21 March 1729/30,[4] the son of William and Jemima (Coffin) Swain. A William Swain, said to have been this man, married second, on Nantucket 29 October 1767 Mary (Pollard) Gardner,[5] widow of Solomon Gardner and daughter of Philip and Mehitable (Gardner) Pollard. The death of a William Swain, thought to have been this man, was recorded on Nantucket 4 March 1773, possibly in error.[6]

Lydia Gorham was mentioned by her father, Stephen Gorham, in his will dated 27 September 1743.[7]

On 19 February 1755, William Swain and his brother, John, received two pieces of land in Sherborn, on Nantucket, as a gift from their parents, William and Jemima Swain.[8] On 11 February 1765 William Swain, Jr., and John Swain, shared in a division of land with Uriah Gardner, Solomon Pinkham and Peter Jenkins.[9] Many other deeds were recorded between 4 November 1768 and 26 June 1771, in which William Swain was called "cordwainer."[10] On 4 July 1774, after the death date given in Nantucket records for the William Swain who was the husband of Lydia Gorham, William Swain, yeoman, and his [second] wife, Mary, sold a share of the commons to Josiah Barker, merchant. On 4 May 1774 and 4 July 1774, William Swain and Mary, and William's brother, John Swain and his wife, Lydia [Bunker], sold land to Richard Mitchell and John Coffin.[11] Thirteen years later, on 8 September 1787, Mary Swain, the wife of Wil-

liam Swain of Sherborn, "now resident in Saratoga" [New York], for £16, sold to George Pollard of Sherborn, cordwainer, land which her father, Philip Pollard, had bought from Robert Coffin, 24 April 1755.[12]

The records for this family are confusing. William Swain, who married Lydia Gorham, and his brother, John Swain who married Lydia Bunker, were early settlers in Washington County, N.Y. This William Swain did not leave probate records in Nantucket County. If this William Swain is the same one who married second, Mary (Pollard) Gardner on Nantucket, 29 October 1765, then he was not the William Swain whose death was recorded in Nantucket records, 4 March 1773. The William Swain who married Mary (Pollard) Gardner took his family to Saratoga, N.Y., about 1775. Saratoga Township, in Saratoga County, is right next to Easton Township, Washington County, N.Y., where William Swain's [first] wife's brother, Josiah Gorham settled with other friends from Nantucket. As mentioned above, William Swain's [second] wife, Mary, discharged a debt to her father's estate in 1787, in which she was called, "wife of William Swain of Sherborn, now resident in Saratoga." This confusion about the identity of Lydia Gorham's husband, William Swain, does not affect the descent of Lydia (Gorham) Swain's children from *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Children (**Swain**), supposedly born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[13]

i. **Elizabeth**[6].
ii. **Hepzibah.**
iii. **Lydia.**
iv. **John.**

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263. **John Gorham**[5-5] (*Shubael*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 12 December 1709,[1] the son of Shubael and Mary (Thacher) Gorham. He died of small-pox in St. Martin's in the Fields, Westminster, London, England, in December 1751/2.[2]

John Gorham married in Barnstable 9 March 1731/2 (intentions 23 January 1731/2) **Elizabeth Allen/Allyn,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 8 June 1713,[4] the daughter of James and Susannah (Lewis) Allen/Allyn. Elizabeth married second, in Boston, Mass., 29 May 1754 Col. John Stevens of

Gloucester,[5] who died in Gloucester, Mass., 13 April 1779, aged 72 years.[6] Elizabeth died in Gloucester 25 December 1786, in her 73rd year, as the widow of Col. John Stevens.[7]

Col. John Gorham kept a "Dayly Journal" beginning in 1737, to which he added a section called the "Wast Book," started in Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, 28 August 1745. In this he recorded the names of members of his family, their marriages and their children, starting with his great-grandfather, Capt. John Gorham who married Desire Howland. This has been the starting point for all Gorham family research.[8]

Elizabeth Gorham, called Mrs. John Gorham, Jr., was dismissed from the East Church of Barnstable to the First Church of "Falmouth Eastward" 30 May 1742, indicating the date when this family moved from Barnstable to Maine.[9]

John Gorham was granted 400 acres of land in Gorham, Maine, on condition that he finish a saw mill and grist mill there. He was a colonel in the militia in the expedition against Louisbourg in 1745. By 1748 "Coll. John Gorham and Elizabeth, his wife," were members of the West Church in Boston when their son Solomon, was baptized.[10] John commanded the New England boats at Fort Sackville, at the head of Bedford Basin, in King George's War, and was appointed to the Council of Governor Cornwallis in 1749.[11]

The notice of his death was published in the *Halifax Gazette*, in March 1752. It stated, "John Gorham, Esq., His Majesties Consul for the Province and Captain of a company of Rangers, died of small-pox in London, December last."[12] His estate was administered in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, England, in July 1752: "John Gorham, Esq., of Boston, New England, Captain of an Independent Company at Nova Scotia, died at St. Martin's in the Fields, Middlesex. Administration to Jonathan Barnard, attorney for relict Elizabeth Gorham, now at Boston."[13]

On 7 May 1752, Elizabeth Gorham of Boston, widow, was appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband, John Gorham, Esq., late of Boston, deceased. Solomon Davis and Melatiah Bourne gave their bond for £3,000. The inventory totaling £232-5-7 was taken 24 November 1752 and presented 1 December 1752. John Gorham's personal property amounted to £62-10-6. Son Christopher Gorham submitted a receipt for the sale of his father's land in Nova Scotia.[14]

Children (**Gorham**), first seven born in Barnstable, Mass., eighth and ninth born in Casco Bay, Me., tenth born at sea, last five born in Boston, Mass.:[15]

i. **Susannah**[6-6], born 21 November 1732, died 16 March 1738, aged 5 years 3 months 23 days; buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery, Barnstable.

ii. **Mary**, born 3 December 1733, died 27 January 1738, aged 4 years 1 month 24 days; buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.
iii. **Anna**, born 23 July 1735, died 18 March 1738, aged 2 years 7 months 24 days; buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.
iv. **John**, born 26 December 1736, drowned at sea, 16 February 1758, aged 21 years; unmarried.
v. **Christopher**, born 10 January 1738, died in Havana on the Havana Expedition, 11 October 1762, aged 24 years; 1st Lt. and paymaster; unmarried.
vi. **Elizabeth**, born 10 December 1739, died in Gloucester, Mass., 14 March 1769.
vii. **Daniel**, born 26 February 1741, died in Barnstable 24 June 1741, aged 3 months 29 days.
viii. **James Allyn**, born in Casco Bay, baptized in Falmouth, Me., 23 August 1742, died in Casco Bay 9 September 1742, aged 16 days.
ix. **Charles**, born in Casco Bay, baptized in Falmouth, Me., 10 August 1743, died in Grenada, West Indies, 9 September 1762, on the Havana Expedition; unmarried.
x. **Sea Deliverance**, daughter, born on a vessel bound for Cape Cod, 10 July 1744, baptized in Barnstable 22 July 1744, died in Boston 30 August 1745, aged 1 year 1 month 20 days.
xi. **James Allyn**, born in Boston 3 October 1745, died in Boston 4 April 1746, aged 6 months 1 day.
xii. **Mary**, born in Boston 10 March 1747.
xiii. **Solomon**, born in Boston 31 October 1748, bapt. 6 November 1748, in the West Church of Boston.
xiv. **Susannah**, born in Boston 24 October 1749, bapt. in the West Church of Boston, died in Boston 3 December 1749, aged 1 month 9 days.
xv. **Susannah**, born in Boston 29 June 1751.

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264. **David Gorham**[5-5] (*Shubael*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 6 April 1712,[1] the son of Shubael and Mary (Thacher) Gorham. He died in Barnstable 2 January 1786, in his 74th year and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery in Barnstable.[2]

David Gorham married first, in Barnstable 2 August 1733 **Abigail Sturgis**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 9 September 1712,[4] the daughter of Edward Sturgis. Abigail died in Barnstable 11 February 1775, in her 63rd year.[5] Abigail's father, Edward Sturgis, was the son of Thomas and Abigail (Lothrop) Sturgis,[6] but the name of Edward's wife, Abigail's mother, is not known. Abigail's sister, Susannah Sturgis, married first, in 1726, Thomas Davis and second, in 1739 Elisha Gray.[7] [See #145:i, page 223.] Proof of Abigail's parentage was found in the Barnstable County probate records in which her husband, David Gorham, Esq., administered on the estate of her father, Edward Sturgis, late of Barnstable, Gent., 17 July 1747. On 25 August 1752 David Gorham submitted his accounting which included a receipt from Abigail's sister, Mrs. Susannah Gray, for £9-18, one-half of the balance in the estate of Mr. Edward Sturgis, deceased, "and also what demands I had on sd est and an° of a Mortgage Deed." Witnesses were John Sturgis and Thomas Davis.[8]

David Gorham is said to have married second, in 1775, Elizabeth Stevens of Truro, Mass., who was supposedly born in October 1725 and died in Barnstable 29 March 1784, aged 55 years, 5 months.[9] Her name has also been given as Elizabeth (Cobb) Atkins, daughter of James and Hannah (Rich) Cobb and widow of Nathaniel Atkins, whom she married 5 June 1748.[10] However, Truro vital records state, "17 December 1775 david gorehams jr. at Barnstable and the wido Betty Atkins [were married].[11] The suffix "Jr." would seem to indicate that the husband of "wido Betty Atkins" was a different and younger David Gorham. This is supported by the inscription on her gravestone in Cobb's Hill Cemetery which states, "Mrs. Elizabeth Gorham, wife of David Gorham, Esq., died 29 March 1784, aged 58 yrs. 5 mos."[12] This death date is nine months *after* the date given for the marriage of "Col." David Gorham, 17 June 1783 to **Hannah (Davis**[6]**) Davis**,[13] who was born in Barnstable 31 May 1731,[14] the daughter of James Davis and his wife, Thankful Hinckley[5] (*Mary Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Hannah was the widow of Isaac Davis. [See #250:ii, page 336.] Hannah (Davis) (Davis) Gorham died in Barnstable and was buried 3 October 1810, aged 79 years. The inscription on Hannah's tombstone in Cobb's Hill Cemetery calls her, "Hannah, widow of David Gorham, Esq., died 2 October 1810, in her 80th yr."[15] Since Col. David Gorham was considered a Loyalist during the Revolution, he was apparently relieved of his military commission after the patriots won the war. It would appear that Col. David Gorham, called

"Esq." after the Revolutionary War, had only two wives, Abigail Sturgis and Hannah (Davis) Davis.

David Gorham graduated from Harvard College. In his youth he commanded a sloop searching for whales off Greenland. He served with his brother, Col. John Gorham, at Cape Breton and Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, during the King George's War, becoming a colonel of the Barnstable regiment of militia. He was Register of Probate in Barnstable from 1741 until 1776 when he was removed because of his Loyalist sympathies. In 1779 and in 1780, as Justice of the Peace, he represented Barnstable at a Convention for regulating the currency and taxation.[16] During the Revolution he was "mobbed" by local patriots, but he remained in Barnstable and did not "remove" as was stated in *Divided Hearts, Massachusetts Loyalists, 1765-1790.*[17]

David Gorham, called "Esquire," died intestate. On 11 February 1786 William Taylor, Gent., Samuel Hinckley, mariner, and Otis Loring, Innholder, all of Barnstable, were empowered to take an inventory of the estate which amounted to £2500-9-3 in personal property and £1557-10-3 in land in Barnstable and Yarmouth. On 14 February 1786, Edmond Phinney, Esq., Stephen Longfellow, Jr., and James Phinney, yeoman, "all of Gorham in the County of Cumberland," were appointed to appraise David Gorham's property in Maine. Their reply, recorded 10 May 1786, valued 70 acres in Maine at £70. On 7 May 1786 David's eldest son, the Hon. William Gorham of Falmouth [Maine], was appointed administrator. On 20 June 1786, widow Hannah Gorham was allowed £60 out of the estate. On 28 October 1786, David Thacher of Yarmouth and Ebenezer Scudder and Silvanus Gorham of Barnstable were appointed to appraise all of David Gorham's real estate in Barnstable County and set off to Mrs. Hannah Gorham, widow, one full third part. The next month, 8 November 1786, Hannah was given her dower right, including the west part of the homestead, with the privilege of passing and repassing the back chamber stairway, in addition to land bordered by Sylvanus and Prince Gorham's land, woodlands of James Gorham, and Mrs. Mary Churchill's land. On 31 January 1787, the heirs of the estate of David Gorham, Esq., namely Jeremiah and Abigail Barker, Lydia Bacon and Benjamin Gorham, petitioned the court to allow their brother, William Gorham, money for his expenses as sole administrator. At the same time, William agreed to take only a single share of the estate, relinquishing his right by primogeniture, to a double portion. William was also given his father's books, valued at £10. On 20 February 1787 the court accepted William Gorham's administrator's account for David Gorham's estate, "represented insolvent." However, on 19 May 1789 Messrs. Joseph Davis, James Huckins and Sylvanus Gorham of Barnstable were directed to make a division and partition of the estate to Hannah Gorham, widow, for her dower; and

one-quarter part to William Gorham of Gorham, [Maine], eldest son; and the same to Benjamin Gorham of Gorham, [Maine]; to Lydia Bacon, wife of Capt. Edward Bacon of Barnstable; and to Abigail Barker, wife of Jeremiah Barker of Falmouth, [Maine], physician. This was recorded 13 May 1789. A final division of David Gorham's land in Gorham and Otisfield, Cumberland County, [Maine], was made 2 February 1790, to the same four children.[18]

Children (**Gorham**), all born in Barnstable, Mass., by his first wife, Abigail Sturgis:[19]

i. **David**[6-6], born 24 August 1735, died in 1763; served as a Lieutenant in the French and Indian War.[20]
ii. **Elizabeth**, born 22 August 1737, died 2 or 4 October 1759, buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.
iii. **Edward**, born 23 April 1739, died about 1756; not mentioned in his father's probate records.
iv. **Lydia**, born 30 May 1741.
v. **William**, born 12 July 1743; administrator of father's estate.
vi. **Shubael**, born 3 February 1745, died 22 December 1748, buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.
vii. **Benjamin**, born 23 February 1747.
viii. **Abigail**, born 5 March 1749.
ix. **Shubael**, born 18 February 1751/2, died at sea, unmarried; not mentioned in his father's probate records.
x. **Mary**, born 21 May 1754, died 8 July 1780, aged 25 years; married William Prentice; not mentioned in father's probate records.[21]

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265. **Mary Gorham**[5-5] (*Shubael*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable,

Mass., 7 February 1714, the daughter of Shubael and Mary (Thacher) Gorham. She died in Barnstable 8 June 1776, in her 62d year, and was buried in the Cobb's Hill Cemetery as the "Widow of Capt. Stephen Clap."

Mary Gorham married in Barnstable 24 October 1734 (intentions Barnstable 14 April 1734 and Scituate, Mass., 20 April 1734) **Stephen Clap**[5], who was born in Scituate 4 October 1706, baptized 1 December 1706, the son of Stephen Clap and his wife, Temperance Gorham[4] *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Stephen Clap died before 18 January 1755, the date his father made his will.

[For the record of this family see #245, pages 329-30.]

266. **Lydia Gorham**[5-5] (*Shubael*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 28 June 1718,[1] the daughter of Shubael and Mary (Thacher) Gorham. She died in Barnstable 7 November 1740, aged 22 years, 4 months, 12 days, and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.[2]

Called "Mrs." Lydia Gorham, she married in Barnstable 27 July 1737 (intentions 16 July 1737) "Dr." **James Hersey**, who was born in Hingham, Mass., 21 December 1716,[4] the son of James and Mary (Hawke) Hersey. James Hersey married second, in Barnstable 9 April 1741 (intentions 26 March 1741), as her first husband, Mehitable Davis[6],[6] the daughter of John Davis and his wife, Mehitable Dimmock[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland. John*[1]), by whom he had one son, Ezekiel Hersey, born posthumously, 15 January 1741/2.[7] [See #145, pages 222-23.] Mehitable married second, 21 October 1744 John Russell,[8] by whom she had one son, Lothrop Russell, born 8 December 1747, baptized 4 September 1748.[9] She married third, 9 May 1754 John Sturgis,[10] as his second wife, and had two children, Sarah and John Sturgis.[11] [See #140, pages 215-16.] She married fourth, as his second wife, 7 July 1761 the Hon. Daniel Davis,[12] by whom she had one more son, Daniel Davis.[13] Mehitable died in Barnstable, 10 November 1803, in her 87th year and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.[14]

Lydia's husband, Dr. James Hersey, physician, died intestate, 22 July 1741. On 2 September 1741, the Suffolk County court appointed James Hersey's brother, Ezekiel Hersey of Hingham, physician, as guardian of his nephew, James Hersey, "a minor of about three years," who was James Hersey's son by his first wife, Lydia Gorham.[15] On 9 September 1741, Ezekiel Hersey of Hingham, physician, and Mehitable Hersey of Barnstable, widow of James Hersey, were appointed joint administrators of Dr. James Hersey's estate by the Barnstable County court.[16] The inventory was taken by the appraisers, Joseph Lothrop, Ebenezer Lewis and Robert

Davis, on 10 September 1741, and sworn to by Ezekiel Hersey and Mehitable Hersey 17 March 1741 (*sic*). It amounted to £1,540-0-0 for housing, land and meadow in Barnstable, and £475-0-0 for housing, land and meadow in the Counties of Suffolk and Plymouth, and money due in the amount of £177-4-7.[17]

On 2 September 1743 Mehitable Hersey, widow, was appointed as guardian of her son, Ezekiel, born posthumously, "minor son of James Hersey, physician, deceased."[18] Five years later, 20 July 1748, James Hersey's brother, Ezekiel Hersey, and the widow, now Mehitable Russell, submitted their accounts showing debts of £1345-6-3 and credits of £1487-19-8.[19] Nine years later, 21 November 1757, Daniel Davis, yeoman, was named guardian of Ezekiel Hersey, her minor son by her first husband, Dr. James Hersey. Mehitable was then the wife of John Sturgis of Barnstable.[20]

James Hersey's estate was finally settled 6 December 1757 when David Crocker, Robert Davis, Edmund Hawes, Orris Bacon and Gershom Davis, all of Barnstable, made division of the estate of Dr. James Hersey, deceased. The relict widow, Mehitable Sturgis, now the wife of John Sturgis, was given her dower thirds. On the same day, division of two-thirds of the estate was made to James Hersey's two sons, both minors, with five-eighths going to his elder son, James Hersey, who was his son by his first wife, Lydia Gorham, and three-eighths to his younger son, Ezekiel Hersey, his son by his second wife, Mehitable Davis.[21]

Child (**Hersey**), by Lydia Gorham, born in Barnstable, Mass.:[22]

i. **James**[6-6], born 9 November 1738, died in Kittery, Maine, in 1758; unmarried.

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267. **Hannah Gorham**[5-5] (*Shubael*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 1 May 1721,[1] the daughter of Shubael and Mary (Thacher) Gorham. She died perhaps in Barnstable after 1 September 1771, the date

she was probably admitted to membership in the East Church in Barnstable.[2]

Hannah Gorham married in Barnstable 24 July 1748 (intentions 10 July 1748) **Edward Crosby,**[3] whose parentage and birthplace are unknown. Edward Crosby died before 1 September 1771 when a "Widow Hannah Crosby" joined the East Church in Barnstable.[4]

Hannah's brother, Major Joseph Gorham, called Hannah's husband "Lt. Crosby" and "Mr. Crosby" in a letter written from New York, 31 July 1763, to Melatiah Bourne of Boston, in which Joseph said, "I would think it best Lieut. Crosby should go to Halifax to assist my sister [Mary (Gorham) Clap, Edward Crosby's sister-in-law] in their affairs there & at the Point." On 10 September 1763 Joseph Gorham wrote from Newport, R.I., that he planned to set out for Barnstable that day, "where I shall remain but a very short time & proceed with Mr. Crosby to Boston."[5]

Very little is known about this Crosby family. Of their two children, their son, Edward, was a Captain in the 18th Regiment of the English Army. Their daughter Mary, is supposed to have married first, Elisha Gray, and second, David Loring.[6]

No probate records have been found for either Edward or Hannah Crosby.

Children (**Crosby**), supposedly born in Barnstable, Mass., but not recorded there:[7]

i. **Edward**$^{6\text{-}6}$, probably born after his parent's marriage in 1748.
ii. **Mary.**

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268. **Joseph Gorham**$^{5\text{-}5}$ (*Shubael*^{4}, *John*^{3}, *Desire*^{2} *Howland, John*^{1}) (*Mary Thacher*^{4}, *Lydia Gorham*^{3}, *Desire*^{2} *Howland, John*^{1}) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 29 May 1725,[1] the son of Shubael and Mary (Thacher) Gorham. He died in Calais, Flanders, France, 20 July 1790.[2]

Joseph Gorham married first, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 29 December 1764 **Ann Spry,**[3] who was baptized 22 August 1739 in Exeter, Devon, England, in All Hallow's Church,[4] the daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Spry and the sister of William Spry, Esq., Judge of the English Admiralty Court of Nova Scotia.[5] Ann died in Caen, Normandy, in April or May 1784, called "wife of Col. G., now on service in the Eng. army."[6]

Joseph Gorham married second, in Saint Martin's in the Fields, Westminster, London, England, 15 June 1787, widow **Elizabeth Hunter**,[7] who died in Greenwich, Kent, England, 20 April 1815, called "widow of Maj. Gen. Joseph Goreham (*sic*)."[8]

Joseph Gorham accompanied his brother, Col. John Gorham, at the assault on Annapolis, Nova Scotia, in 1744. He was a lieutenant in the Rangers in 1749. In 1755, as a Captain, he took part in the destruction of the Arcadian villages in Jediack and Ramseck, and the removal of the French inhabitants from the Minas Basin. His troops, called "Gorham's Rangers," were established as part of the regular army, 25 September 1761. He raised additional troops for the ill-fated Havana Expedition in 1762, where he and most of his officers and men became ill with malaria and yellow fever, and many died. In 1765 he was granted 25,000 acres of land in Nova Scotia, "in the upper country," the area that later became New Brunswick. He was made a member of the Halifax, Nova Scotia, Council in 1766. In 1769 he sent his wife and two children to Barbados to stay with her brother, William Spry, who had become Governor there. He was named Major-Commandant in 1770, retroactive to 1761 and, also in 1770, he became Lt. Governor of Placentia, a fort in Newfoundland. He sided with the Loyalists during the Revolution and was named Lt. Col. Commandant of the Royal Fencible Americans in 1775. In 1785 he was made Colonel, antedated to 1782, and on 29 April 1790, he became a Major General, just a few months before his death.[9]

Before the Revolutionary War, from about 1763 to 1774, Joseph Gorham had a house in Halifax and an estate called Gorham Hall, "at the Point" near Lunenburgh. This is where his sister, Mary, wife of Stephen Clap, lived before she returned to Barnstable in 1773. Joseph seems to have been her sole support.[10]

Joseph's first three children were born and baptized in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The sixth was born at Gorham Hall. In late 1773 Joseph took his family to England and settled in West Lavington, Wiltshire, where his son John was born, 28 April 1774.[11] On 14 May 1774, Joseph Gorham wrote from London, England, to Melatiah Bourne in Boston, saying that he had settled his family near their relations about twenty miles from Bath and eighty miles from London, and that "Mrs. Gorham was lately delivered of another son, so I have now three sons and three daughters."[12] The Gorhams later moved to Potterne, Devizes, Wiltshire, where another son was born in 1776.[13]

Major General Gorham seems to have lived the last years of his life in Dunkirk, Flanders, France, where he joined a group of American sea captains and merchants from Nantucket, mainly Quakers, led by William Rotch, who had established their whaling activities there in 1786.[14]

General Gorham's children married in England and have many descendants there, as well as in New Zealand and California.

Children (**Gorham**), all by his first wife, first three born in Halifax, N.S., sixth at Lunenburgh, N.S., seventh and eighth in Wiltshire, England, the birth places of the others uncertain:[15]

i. **Joseph William**[6-6], born 25 September 1765, bapt. 12 October 1765; Ensign, Royal Fencible Americans.[16]
ii. **Amherst**, born in September 1766, bapt. 10 November 1766; Ensign, 53d Regiment of Foot.
iii. **John Hume**, bapt. 28 October 1768, died 18 November 1768.
iv. **Mary**, born perhaps in the Barbados in 1769.
v. **Anna**, born about 1771.
vi. **Charlotte Spry**, born at Gorham Hall, Lunenburgh, N.S., 16 November 1772, married first, John Christian of Dunkirk, France; married second, John Jackson, Esq., who became Sir John Jackson, Bart., in 1815.[17]
vii. **John**, bapt. West Lavington, Wiltshire, England, 28 April 1774, died young.
viii. **John**, bapt. in Potterne, Devizes, Wiltshire, 7 August 1776.
ix. **James Wolf**, born about 1778.
x. **Benjamin**, born about 1780.
xi. **Lydia**, born about 1782.
xii. **Abigail**, born about 1784; perhaps the "Miss Adelaide Goreham" who died 6 June 1808 "at Mr. Jackson's house at Epsom, Surrey, sister of the late Mrs. Jackson."

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269. **Benjamin Gorham**[5-5] (*Shubael*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Mary Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in

Barnstable, Mass., 5 June 1726,[1] the son of Shubael and Mary (Thacher) Gorham. He died after 3 January 1793,[2] the date his wife's obituary was published.

Benjamin Gorham married in Boston 28 November 1774 **Nancy Hinckley**,[3] who was baptized in the North Parish of Braintree (Quincy), Mass., 18 June 1749,[4] the daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Nightingale) Hinckley of Braintree. Nancy died in Boston before 3 January 1793, called "wife of Capt. Benjamin, house in Fore St."[5]

Benjamin Gorham was a shipmaster. On 6 March 1774, Capt. Benjamin Gorham arrived in Boston from London in his brig *Fortune*, with 28½ chests of Bohea tea. The following evening the famous Boston Tea Party took place on the decks of his ship when a number of "Indians" emptied every chest of tea into the dock, destroying the entire shipment.[6]

The Gorham MS has credited this Benjamin Gorham with being the commander of an armed sloop, *Lizard*, commissioned as a privateer, 8 February 1776, but no proof is given to show that this is the right Benjamin Gorham.[7] In the 1790 U.S. Census for Boston, Mass., a Benjamin Gorham, possibly this man, was listed as head of a family consisting of one male over 16, two males under 16, and two females.[8]

No probate records have been found in Barnstable, Suffolk or Middlesex counties for either Benjamin or Nancy Gorham, nor have birth or baptismal records been found for their children. Boston records show that son James Gorham married Charlotte Kneeland in Boston, 22 May 1803, and son Benjamin married first, Nancy Kneeland in Boston, 13 February 1809. Benjamin's second wife is said to have been Frances Harrison. Son Samuel supposedly settled in New York City where his second wife may have been named Eleanor Rankin. Son John died young, and daughter Nancy married first, Anthony Glean of Cuba, and second, James Macomb of Matanzas, Cuba. This family needs to be documented more completely.

Children (**Gorham**), said to have been born in Barnstable, Mass., but not found in town records:[10]

i. **?James**[6-6].
ii. **?Benjamin**, born in 1784.
iii. **?Samuel.**
iv. **?John**, died young.
v. **?Nancy.**

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270. **Joseph Gorham**[5-5] (*John*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Prudence Crocker*[4], *Anne*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]), was born in Barnstable, Mass., 26 August 1713,[1] the son of John and Prudence (Crocker) Gorham. Joseph Gorham, called "of Norwalk," died of smallpox in Norwalk, Conn., before 1 January 1760.[2]

Joseph Gorham married in Barnstable 8 December 1737 (intentions 22 October 1737), his second cousin, **Abigail Lovell**[5],[3] who was born in Barnstable 14 October 1719,[4] the daughter of James Lovell and his wife, Abigail Gorham[4] (*Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Abigail died of smallpox in Norwalk before February 1760.[5] [See #445, page 576.]

Joseph Gorham of Norwalk died before 1 January 1760, for on that date the probate court appointed his father's cousin, Joseph Gorham[4] (*Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) of Fairfield, Conn., as "administrator of the estate of Joseph Gorham, late of Norwalk." On the same day Joseph Gorham and Jno. Lockwood gave their bond.[6] [See #58, pages 108-110.] On 20 August 1760 the probate court approved the inventory of the estate taken by Samuel Grumman and Joshua Young? (Toung?-Loring?), which included a house and homestead worth £65, half of a sloop valued at £18, two acres of salt meadow, household furniture and utensils, silver spoons and silver buttons.[7] Joseph's wife, Abigail, died about the same time, before February 1760, the date her father, James Lovell of Barnstable, in a codicil to his will, gave 40 shillings to be divided among the children of his deceased daughter, Abigail Gorham. On 27 October 1760, James Lovell, Gent., was appointed guardian of his grandson, Daniel Gorham, "a minor son to Joseph Gorham, late of Norwalk in the Co. of Fairfield in the Colony of Connecticut," dated 27 October 1760.[8]

Joseph Gorham's father, John Gorham of Barnstable, in his will dated 4 November 1762, proved 19 October 1769, mentioned his grandsons, John, Daniel and Joseph Gorham, as well as the "daughters of my son Joseph, deceased."[9] Joseph's cousin, Joseph Gorham[4] (*Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) of Green's Farms, Fairfield, Conn., administrator of the estate of Joseph Gorham of Norwalk, Conn., sponsored the baptism at Green's Farms, 29 June 1760, of Rachel and Theodate Gorham, children of Joseph and Abigail Gorham, deceased, of Norwalk.[10]

Children (**Gorham**), probably all born in Norwalk, Conn., sons named in the will of their paternal grandfather, John Gorham, daughters not named individually:[11]

i. **Joseph**[6-6-6], born in 1738.
ii. **John**, born about 1739 or 1740.
iii. **Daniel**, born about 1743; a minor in 1760; maternal grandfather appointed his guardian.
iv. **Susannah**, born 18 June 1747.
v. **Abigail**, born 10 March 1750.
vi. **Deborah**, born about 1755.
vii. **Rachel**, bapt. Green's Farms, Conn., 29 June 1760, died 19 September 1760.[12]
viii. **Theodate**, bapt. Green's Farms, Conn., 29 June 1760.

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271. **Benjamin Gorham**[5-5] (*John*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Prudence Crocker*[4], *Anne*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 18 June 1715, the son of John and Prudence (Crocker) Gorham. He died there 27 April 1788, in his 73d year, and was buried in the Lothrop Cemetery. His stone reads, "In Memory of Capt. Benjamin Gorham who departed this Life ye 22[d] day of April 1788 in ye 73[d] year of his age."

Benjamin Gorham married in Yarmouth, Mass., 3 September 1741 (intentions 8 February 1740/1) **Mary Sturgis**[5], who was born in Yarmouth 8 May 1722, the daughter of Edward Sturgis[4] (*Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Mehitable Hallett. Mary died in Barnstable in April 1795, in her 73d year, and was buried in the Lothrop Cemetery, next to her husband. Her stone is now half-buried but the part that can be seen reads, "This stone Erected in the Memory of Mrs. Mary Gorham Relict of Capt. Benjamin Gorham who died aged."

[For the record of this family see #164, pages 240-41.]

272. **Ann Gorham**[5-5] (*John*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Prudence Crocker*[4], *Anne*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 13 January 1716/7,[1] the daughter of John and Prudence (Crocker) Gorham. She died

in Barnstable after the birth of her fourth child, 17 October 1747,[2] and before 26 March 1748, the date of her husband's third marriage.

Ann Gorham married in Barnstable 7 August 1740 (intentions 31 May 1740), as his second wife, **Thomas Annable,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 21 June 1708,[4] the son of Samuel and Patience (Daggett) Annable. Thomas Annable had married first, 27 August 1732 Thankful Hawes[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]).[6] [See #110, pages 182-83.] There were no children from his first marriage. After the death of his second wife, Ann Gorham, Thomas Annable married third, in Barnstable 11 April 1748 (intentions 26 March 1748) Abigail Dimmock,[7] the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Fuller) Dimmick, and had Abigail, born 21 April 1749 and died, Abigail again, born 19 January 1753, and Joseph, born 1 September 1754,[8] who were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller but not of John Howland.

In his will dated 26 July 1788, Thomas Annable, yeoman, mentioned his daughter Thankful Loring, his granddaughter Sarah Annable, daughter of his son Joseph Annable, and two grandchildren, Eleazer Cobb and Ann Cobb, under the age of 21 years. Joseph Annable, his son by his third wife, was named sole executor. Witnesses were Samuel Crocker, John Green and Benjamin Gorham. When the will was probated, Benjamin Gorham was not present. When Letters of Administration were filed 15 January 1799, Thomas Annable was called "Gent." and his son Joseph was called "Lieut."[9]

Children (**Annable**), born in Barnstable, Mass.[10]

i. **Bachelder**[6-6], born 24 May 1741, died young.
ii. **Thankful**, born 25 September 1743, mentioned in wills of grandfather John Gorham and of father Thomas Annable.
iii. **Ann**, born 21 August 1745, died young.
iv. **Thomas**, born 17 October 1747, died young.

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273. **Thankful Gorham**[5-5] (*John*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Prudence Crocker*[4], *Anne*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 10 February 1721,[1] the daughter of John and Prudence (Crocker) Gorham. She may have died in Barnstable after 3 January 1780, the date on which a Thankful Lothrop was taxed in Barnstable.[2]

Thankful Gorham married in Barnstable 3 February 1742 (intentions 13 January 1742) **Barnabas Lothrop**[5],[3] who was born in Barnstable 29 June 1721,[4] the son of Barnabas Lothrop and his second wife, Hannah Chipman[4](*Samuel*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Barnabas Lothrop apparently died in Barnstable between 26 May 1779, when he was taxed £8-18-8, and 3 January 1780, when his widow, Thankful Lothrop, was taxed £13-12-0.[5]

Thankful Lothrop was admitted into membership in the East Church in Barnstable 6 January 1744/5.[6] The two oldest daughters were mentioned in the will of their grandmother, Hannah Lothrop.[7]

On 26 October 1762 Barnabas Lothrop, Jr., brought to be posted one white pole ram he had found.[8] He was probably the Barnabas Lothrop who served as a petit juror in 1753 and 1764, and as a tithingman in 1759.[9] The town [tax] rates for the year 1775 were remitted for a Barnabas Lothrop, probably this man, in the amount of 7 shillings 8 pence.[10]

No probate records were found for Barnabas or Thankful Lothrop.

Children (**Lothrop**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[11]

i. **Hannah**[6-6-6], born Monday, 4 March 1745.
ii. **Mary**, born Thursday, 12 March 1747.
iii. **Barnabas**, born Friday, 27 January 1749.
iv. **Abigail**, born Sabbath Day, 8 April 1752.
v. **Isaac**, born Thursday, 8 February 1754, (new style), died young.
vi. **John**, born 23 November 1755, (new style).
vii. **Isaac**, born 6 September 1757.

Note: The Aspinwall MS, pages 50, 177, at the New England Historic Genealogical Society includes Deborah, born 30 December 1759, Benjamin, born 4 April 1762 and Rachel, born 5 May 1765, without proof. These children are also listed in the *Lothrop Genealogy*, pages 67, 98-99, but no proof is given.

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274. **Mary Gorham**[5-5] (*John*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Prudence Crocker*[4], *Anne*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 1 January 1723/4,[1] the daughter of John and Prudence (Crocker) Gorham. She died at her father's house in Barnstable 13 September 1768, aged 45 years, called "of Scituate."[2]

"Mrs." Mary Gorham married in Barnstable 13 November 1755 (intentions Scituate, Mass., 31 May 1755, Barnstable 31 May 1755) her first cousin, "Mr." George Clapp[6],[3] who was born in Scituate 7 October 1726 and baptized 23 October 1726, the son of John Clapp, Jr.[5], (*Temperance Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Mary Otis. George Clapp probably married second, in Scituate (intentions) 21 October 1769 Mrs. Lucy Holmes of Kingston,[6] probably the Mrs. Clapp who died in Northampton, Mass., 8 March 1799, called "wife of George Clapp."[7] [See #242:ii, page 327.]

Mary's father, John Gorham, mentioned Mary in his will dated 4 November 1762. In his third codicil, dated 3 November 1768, he said that his daughter Mary Clapp had died and therefore Mary's legacy was to go to her daughter, Prudence Clapp.[8]

On 13 December 1768, just after his first wife's death, George Clapp of Scituate, yeoman, sold to his brother, Constant Clapp, yeoman, ten acres of upland. The deed was sworn to the same day.[9] On 15 August 1769, George Clapp, blacksmith, sold to Lemuel Curtis of Hanover, land given to him in the last will and testament of his father, Capt. John Clapp, deceased. This was sworn to the same day but not recorded until 12 April 1803.[10] On 20 April 1770, George Clapp sold to William Clapp, yeoman, a house, barn and twenty acres of land in Scituate, and ten acres of orchard at Great Meadow.[11]

No probate records were found for George Clapp.

Children (**Clapp**), born probably in Scituate, Mass.:[12]

i. **George**[6-6-6], not mentioned in grandfather's will.

ii. **Prudence**, mentioned in the codicil of the will of her grandfather, John Gorham of Barnstable.

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275. **Nathaniel Gorham**[5-5] (*John*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Prudence Crocker*[4], *Anne*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 30 September 1726,[1] the son of John and Prudence (Crocker) Gorham. He probably died in Barnstable before 10 February 1800,[2] the date his son was appointed as administrator of his intestate estate.

Nathaniel Gorham married in Barnstable 31 October 1751 (intentions 13 July 1751) **Anna Lewis**[6],[3] who was born in Barnstable 9 December 1728,[4] the daughter of George Lewis and his wife, Sarah Thacher[5] (*Thankful Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Anna died in Barnstable 13 October 1796, in her 68th year,[5] and was buried in Cobb's Hill Burying Ground. [See #167:i, page 243.]

Anna's father, George Lewis, in his will dated 28 February 1756, called his daughter "Annah Gorham."[6]

Nathaniel Gorham, called yeoman, was a farmer and salt manufacturer.[7] He died intestate before 10 February 1800, the date his son, Lewis Gorham, was appointed as administrator of his estate. Previously, by two deeds of gift, Nathaniel had conveyed the principal part of his real estate to his two sons, Lewis and George. Accounts for the estate were submitted 26 February 1807 by Lewis Gorham and Elisha T. Davis, acting for George Gorham. Witnesses were H. Allen and Frederick Allen. Final settlement was made 9 March 1807.[8]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[9]

i. **Lewis**[6-6-7], born 11 November 1753; served in the Revolutionary War.

ii. **George**, born 3 October 1763.

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276. **Abigail Gorham**[5-5] (*John*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Prudence Crocker*[4], *Anne*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 1 June 1732, the daughter of John and Prudence (Crocker) Gorham. She died in Barnstable 3 August 1753, in her 34th year and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery.

Abigail Gorham married in Barnstable 22 April 1756, as his first wife, her cousin, **Prince Gorham**[5-6], who was born in Barnstable 14 March 1730/1, the son of Ebenezer Gorham[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Temperance Hawes[5] (*Joseph Gorham*[4], *Desire*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Prince Gorham married second, in Barnstable 15 November 1767 **Desire Clapp**[6-6], (*Desire Bourne*[5], *Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Nathaniel Clap*[5], *Temperance Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) by whom he had four more children, in addition

to one child by Abigail Gorham. Prince Gorham died 4 December 1804, in his 75th year, and was buried in Norwell, Mass.

[For the record of this family see #236, pages 314-15.]

277. **Prudence Gorham**[5-5] (*John*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Prudence Crocker*[4], *Anne*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 16 August 1734,[1] the daughter of John and Prudence (Crocker) Gorham. She died in Barnstable 29 March 1814, aged 80 years.[2]

Prudence Gorham married in Barnstable 13 November 1766 (intentions 6 September 1766) **Moses Hatch** of Falmouth,[3] who was born in Falmouth 28 May 1732,[4] the son of Moses and Mary (Lord) Hatch. Moses Hatch died 1 January 1797, aged 65 years.[5]

Records of the East Church in Barnstable show that "Prudence Gorham, a young woman, was admitted 17 July 1757, and was dismissed to Falmouth 15 August 1790."[6] The same information was repeated under "Mrs. Prudence Hatch," with the notation, "Widow Prudence Hatch died March 29, 1814, age 80."[7]

Moses and Prudence Hatch may have moved to Falmouth, Mass., before 1790, for the baptisms of their four children were recorded there, starting in 1768. No probate records were found in Barnstable County for Moses Hatch.

Children (**Hatch**), born in Falmouth, Mass.:[8]

i. **Prince**[6-6], bapt. 27 March 1768.
ii. **Gorham**, bapt. 29 July 1770.
iii. **Charles**, bapt. 12 January 1772.
iv. **Alice**, bapt. 8 May 1774.

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278. **Hannah Fuller**[5] (*Thankful Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 1 April 1711,[1] the daughter of John and Thankful (Gorham) Fuller. Hannah died after 24 July 1771, the day she signed a receipt for her share of her father's estate.[2]

Hannah Fuller married in Barnstable 3 September 1730 (intentions 16 August 1730) her second cousin, **Matthias Smith**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 10 July 1697,[4] the son of Joseph and Anna (Fuller) Smith. Matthias died before 21 October 1768, the date administrators were

appointed for his estate.[5] He was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller.

Matthias Smith's father, Joseph Smith of Barnstable, yeoman, in his will dated 24 February 1746, probated 21 March 1746. bequeathed to Matthias the dwelling house and lands "where he now liveth," and one-third of his lots in Sandwich.[6]

Hannah was remembered by her father, John Fuller, in his will sworn to 27 July 1732. Signing as Hannah Smith, she acknowledged receipt of her legacy of £3-14-3 from her brother, Nathaniel Fuller, on 24 July 1771, after the death of her husband.[7]

Matthias Smith, late of Barnstable, Gentleman, died intestate before 21 October 1768, when his son, Matthias Smith, yeoman, was appointed as administrator of the estate. The inventory, totaling £312-13-4, was taken 28 October 1768 by Nathan Bassett, Matthias Tucker and John Crocker, Jr. It included his homestead, land and buildings, woodlands and salt and fresh meadowland. On 3 April 1769 Hannah's dower was set off to her by Nathan Bassett, John Crocker, 3rd, and Matthias Fuller. The administrator's accounts totaling £198-14-2½ were submitted 5 May 1769 by Matthias Smith, here called "son of deceased."[8]

Children (**Smith**), born in Barnstable, Mass., baptized in the West Barnstable Church, called "of Hannah, wife of Matthias Smith":[9]

i. **Mary**[6], born 26 March 1731, bapt. 23 September 1733 with sister Hannah.
ii. **Hannah**, born 4 October 1732, bapt. 23 September 1733 with sister Mary.
iii. **Bethiah**, born 10 August 1734, bapt. 18 August 1734.
iv. **Huldah**, born 9 August 1736, bapt. 16 August 1736.
v. **Matthias**, born 28 December 1738; married his cousin Hannah Fuller[6-6] (*Nathaniel Fuller*[5], *Thankful Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Abigail Hinckley*[5], *Abigail Jenkins*[4], *Lydia*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1].
vi. **Anne**, born 15 October 1740, bapt. 19 October 1740.
vii. **Samuel**, born 14 November 1743, bapt. 27 November 1743.
viii. **Lydia**, born 13 August 1745, bapt. 29 September 1745.
ix. **Abigail**, born 16 July 1747, bapt. 26 July 1747.
x. **Benjamin**, born 5 June 1750, bapt. 10 June 1750.

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279. **John Fuller**[5] (*Thankful Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 3 August 1712,[1] the son of John and Thankful (Gorham) Fuller. He died in Barnstable before 23 March 1759, the date letters of administration were issued on his estate.[2]

John Fuller married in Barnstable 29 October 1741 his cousin, **Temperance Gorham**[5-6],[3] who was born in Barnstable, 23 July 1721,[4] the daughter of Job Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife Desire Dimmock[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Temperance died in Wayne, Me., 9 November 1812, and was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery there.[5] [See #149, pages 226-27, and #284, page 377.]

Temperance was called "Temperance Fuller" by her father, Job Gorham, in his will dated 12 September 1753, probated 2 November 1762.[6] John Fuller's father, Lt. John Fuller, in his will sworn to 27 July 1732, probated 28 March 1733, gave John all of the land "at the point," as well as his dwelling house, directing John to pay certain sums to his sisters, Bethiah and Mary.[7]

John Fuller of Barnstable, yeoman, died intestate. On 7 March 1759 widow Temperance Fuller was appointed guardian of her minor children, John, Desire, Job, Isaac, Francis, Thomas and Edward Fuller.[8] On 23 March 1759 Isaac Hinckley, Jr., was appointed administrator. The inventory of the estate, both real and personal, recorded 17 April 1759 by David Loring and Cornelius Crocker, totaled £455-0-9. The real estate was valued at £400. The widow's dower, which was set off to Temperance Fuller 16 April 1759, included the west lower room of the house, the cellar under it, the southernmost partition of the chamber over it with the privilege to pass and repass in the house, and the use of half of the yard with the privilege to fetch water from the pump. She was also given one-third of the barn, 7 acres of land on which the barn stood, with fruit trees, two enclosures of 4 acres each, and 14 acres of woodland. The division was made by Daniel Davis, Paul Jones, Silas Hoxie, Simon Jones, Jr., and Benjamin Blossom. On 2 May 1759 Isaac Hinckley rendered an account which amounted to £246-0-6. On 7 October 1770, division of the estate was made to the widow, Temperance, to the eldest son, John Fuller, and to the rest of the children, Edward, Frances (*sic*), Thomas, Job and Desire Fuller.[9]

Children (**Fuller**), born in Barnstable, Mass., last three baptized in the West Barnstable Church, called "of John Fuller":[10]

i. **Desire**[6-6-7], born 1 August 1742.
ii. **John**, born 23 June 1744.
iii. **Edward**, born 28 December 1746.
iv. **Francis**, born 10 March 1749.

v. **Job**, born 25 November 1751, bapt. 22 March 1752.
vi. **Thomas**, born 9 May 1754, bapt. in June 1754.
vii. **Isaac**, bapt. 20 March 1757.

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280. **Mary Fuller**[5] (*Thankful Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 1 September 1715, a twin with her sister, Bethiah, the daughter of John and Thankful (Gorham) Fuller. Mary died in Barnstable 16 January 1763.

Mary Fuller married in Barnstable 11 August 1737 (intentions 19 March 1736/7) **Seth Lothrop**, who was born in Barnstable the last of March 1711/2, the son of Thomas Lothrop and his wife, Experience Gorham[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]).

[For the record of this family see #215, pages 291-92.]

281. **Bethiah Fuller**[5] (*Thankful Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 1 September 1715,[1] a twin with her sister, Mary, the daughter of John and Thankful (Gorham) Fuller. Bethiah died in Barnstable 2 February 1794, in her 79th year.[2]

Bethiah Fuller married in Barnstable 20 December 1739 **Joseph Bursley**[5-5],[3] who was born in Barnstable 8 March 1713/4,[4] the son of Joseph Bursley[4] (*Elizabeth*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]) and his wife, Sarah Crocker[4] (*Ruth Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Joseph died in Barnstable 23 November 1778 in his 65th year, and was buried in the West Barnstable Cemetery.[5]

On 4 April 1740 Joseph Bursley, Jr., and Bethiah, his wife, "late Bethiah Fuller," received 40 shillings from her brother, John Fuller, "being with what the sd Bethiah hath heretofore received, the full sum of £50, in full of a legacy to the said Bethiah by her father, Mr. John Fuller's last will."[6]

Joseph Bursley, in his will dated 25 September 1778, proved 8 January 1779, mentioned his wife Bethiah, his son John, who was named executor, his unmarried daughter Abigail Bursley, and his two married daughters, Bethiah Jenkins, wife of Joseph Jenkins, and Sarah Nye, wife of Peleg Nye. The inventory of his estate was dated 18 January 1779. Receipts for their legacies were signed 12 January 1779 by Joseph Jenkins, Peleg Nye and Abigail Bursley. Abigail Bursley signed another receipt 27 January

1779, and her mother, Bethiah Bursley, gave her receipt to her son John, the same day, "as he was the executor."[7]

Children (**Bursley**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[8]

i. **John**[6-6-6], born 1 November 1741.
ii. **Bethiah**, born 2 March 1743.
iii. **Lemuel**, born 2 March 1745; died without issue before 1778.
iv. **Sarah**, born 14 October 1748.
v. **Abigail**, born 23 October 1750; died unmarried 29 August 1790, in her 40th year.
vi. **Joseph**, born 27 March 1757, died without issue in 1776, in the Revolutionary War.

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282. **Nathaniel Fuller**[5] (*Thankful Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 10 December 1716,[1] the son of John and Thankful (Gorham) Fuller. Nathaniel died in Barnstable after 1783 when he sold his farm on Scorton Neck.[2]

Nathaniel Fuller married in Barnstable 22 February 1738 (intentions 3 February 1738) **Abigail Hinckley**[5],[3] who was born in Barnstable 30 July 1718 and baptized in January 1725/6,[4] the daughter of Benjamin Hinckley and his wife, Abigail Jenkins[4] (*Lydia*[3] *Howland, Joseph*[2], *John*[1]). Nathaniel's wife, Abigail, who was also a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland, is said to have died in 1760.[5] Nathaniel is said to have married a second wife who has not been identified.[6]

Capt. Nathaniel Fuller lived on a farm in Scorton Neck which he inherited from his father, Lt. John Fuller of Barnstable.[7] He served in the French and Indian War on the expedition to Crown Point, along with other Barnstable County men.[8] According to Amos Otis, in *Barnstable Families*, Nathaniel returned home about 1760 with smallpox which infected his family. His wife Abigail, and two of their daughters, Thankful and Abigail, died and were buried on Scorton Neck. According to Otis, his daughter Hannah recovered and married her cousin, Matthias Smith. His daughter Lydia married Lazarus Ewer. His son Joseph married Tabitha Jones, and his son Nathaniel married Ruhama Jones. These statements concerning the marriages of the sixth generation are beyond the scope of this book and must be documented before use.[9]

Nathaniel's father, John Fuller, in his will sworn to 27 July 1732 and probated 28 March 1733, directed Nathaniel to pay his sister, Hannah £10,

but it was not until 24 July 1771 that Nathaniel Fuller's sister, Hannah Smith, gave him a receipt for her share of her father's estate.[10]

Nathaniel sold his farm on Scorton Neck in 1783 and moved into the village of Barnstable. After the death of his unidentified second wife, Nathaniel is said to have lived with his daughter, Hannah Smith, who had married her cousin, Matthias Smith, the son of Nathaniel Fuller's sister, Hannah (Fuller) Smith.[11] Thus two generations of Matthias Smiths each married wives named Hannah Fuller.

No probate records have been found for Nathaniel Fuller.

Children (**Fuller**), born in Sandwich, Mass., recorded in the town records of Barnstable, Mass.:[12]

i. **Thankful**[6], born about 1740, died of smallpox in 1760.
ii. **Hannah**, born 12 August 1741.
iii. **Abigail**, born about 1743, died of smallpox in 1760.
iv. **Joseph**, born 9 May 1758.
v. **Lydia**, born 30 May 1760; called "Mary" in Gorham MS.
vi. **Nathaniel**, born 3 January 1763 [by second wife??].

Note: If Nathaniel Fuller's wife, Abigail, died in 1760, the son Nathaniel, born 1762, as listed in the Gorham MS 2:185, and in Brainerd's "Edward Fuller and his Descendants," *NYGBR* (April 1903) 34:128, would have to have been by a second unidentified wife. This could *not* be the Hannah West, called "of Barnstable" in the Gorham MS, who married a Nathaniel Fuller in Barnstable (actually recorded in Sandwich) in 1781. These children listed above are as they appear in the Gorham MS and *NYGBR*, both of which have many errors and need to be documented.

Note: There were several men named Nathaniel Fuller in this area in the adjoining towns of Barnstable and Sandwich, and they seem to have been confused with each other. This may be a composite of several men of the same name. Without probate records for this Nathaniel Fuller, and because of the loss of Barnstable deeds in the courthouse fire of 1827, only a few of which have been re-recorded, this lineage problem may never be solved.

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(not documented but sounds like the recollections of a family member); *NYGBR* 34:128 (not documented but apparently based on Otis); Gorham MS 2:185 (not documented and also apparently based on Otis, but with Lydia omitted and Mary added).

283. **Thankful Fuller**[5] (*Thankful Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 19 September 1718,[1] the daughter of John and Thankful (Gorham) Fuller. Thankful died in Lee, Mass., 18 March 1809, in her 91st year.[2]

Thankful Fuller married in Barnstable 25 October 1739, (intentions 2 June 1739) **Nathan Bassett** "of Middleboro,"[3] who was born in Sandwich, Mass., 15 August 1715,[4] the son of Nathan and Mary (Stetson) Bassett of Sandwich. Deac. Nathan Bassett died in Barnstable 21 December 1791, in his 77th year, and was buried in the West Barnstable Cemetery.[5]

Nathan Bassett lived in West Barnstable where he was a deacon in the West Barnstable Church.[6] His wife, Thankful, the youngest child of her father, John Fuller, was given £50 by her father in his will sworn to 27 July 1732, before Thankful was married. This was to be paid to her by her brother, Nathaniel Fuller.[7]

Nathan Bassett of Barnstable, in his will dated 19 December 1791, proved 4 April 1792, gave his real and personal estate, including his homestead and buildings lying in Sandwich, his livestock, firearms and two silver teaspoons, to his son Nathan Bassett, who in return was to provide for his parents, Nathan and Thankful Bassett, while they lived. Son Cornelius was given 6 shillings. The two daughters of his son, John Bassett, named Sarah and Thankful (Nathan's grandchildren), were to be given 8 shillings each when they became sixteen years of age. Nathan gave his wearing apparel to his two sons, Nathan and Cornelius, to be divided equally. His daughter, Mary Smith, was given the right to sit in his pew in the West Barnstable Meeting house, and her husband was given two silver buckles. Daughters Mary Smith, Bethiah Ellis and Thankful Barlow were to receive all the remainder of the indoor moveable estate to be divided equally between them. Witnesses were Joseph Smith, Silvanus Bodfish and Benjamin Bodfish.[8]

Many members of this family moved to Lee, Mass., taking their widowed mother, Thankful Basset, with them.

Children (**Bassett**), first and second born in Middleboro, Mass., last five baptized in the West Barnstable Church, Barnstable, Mass.:[9]

i. **Mary**[6], born 22 September 1740.
ii. **Bethiah**, born 11 September 1747.
iii. **Nathan**, born 30 December 1750, bapt. 17 February 1750 (*sic*).
iv. **Cornelius**, born 20 January 1753 (new style), bapt. 15 March 1753.
v. **John**, born 21 May 1756, bapt. in June 1756.

vi. **Gershom**, born 24 February 1758, bapt. 1 May 1758, died 1 November 1775, in his 18th year, buried in West Barnstable Cemetery.
vii. **Thankful**, born 30 November 1761, bapt. 11 April 1762.

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284. **Temperance Gorham**[5-6] (*Job Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Dimmock*[5], *Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 23 July 1721, the daughter of Job Gorham and his wife, Desire Dimmock. Temperance died in Wayne, Maine, 9 November 1812, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery there.

Temperance married in Barnstable 29 October 1741 her cousin, **John Fuller**[5], who was born in Barnstable, 3 August 1712, the son of John Fuller and his wife, Thankful Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]).

[For the record of this family see #279, pages 372-74.]

285. **Thomas Gorham**[5-6] (*Job*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Dimmock*[5], *Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 13 August 1723,[1] the son of Job and Desire (Dimmock) Gorham. Thomas died in Barnstable after 23 July 1795 and before 3 September 1795.[2]

Thomas Gorham married first, in Barnstable 16 May 1754 (intentions 22 March 1754) **Hannah Gorham**[5-6],[3] who was born in Barnstable 16 April 1733,[4] the daughter of Ebenezer Gorham[4] (*James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Temperance Hawes[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #237, page 316.]

Thomas Gorham, called "Jr.," married second, in Yarmouth (intentions) 14 December 1765 **Rebecca (Taylor) Jones** of Yarmouth,[6] who was probably the one born in Plymouth, Mass., 6 October 1735,[7] the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Atwood) Taylor. Rebecca was the widow of Charles Jones by whom she had three children, Edward, Lucy and Sarah Jones, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[8] Rebecca died in Barnstable after 3 September 1795, the date her husband's will was probated.[9]

Hannah, Thomas Gorham's first wife, was admitted to membership in the East Church in Barnstable 7 March 1756. His second wife, Rebecca, was admitted 6 September 1767.[10]

Thomas Gorham's first wife's father, Ebenezer Gorham, in his will dated 16 May 1772, proved 6 December 1776, named Thomas Gorham's daughter, Desire, as the eldest daughter of his deceased daughter, Hannah Gorham, and bequeathed £4 to her and "to each of Hannah's other children."[11]

In his will dated 28 July 1795, probated 3 September 1795, Thomas Gorham gave his second wife, Rebecca, in lieu of her dower rights, one-third part of all of his real and personal property, as long as she remained his widow. Eldest son, Job, received all of the "messuage or tenements" in Barnstable, "with all my other freehold estate." Thomas bequeathed twenty shillings to each of his other children by his first wife, Hannah, whom he named as youngest son, John, and daughters Desire Richmond, Elizabeth Tenter [Tainter], Hannah Burr and Temperance Johnson. He gave ten shillings to his youngest daughter, Mary Childs, his daughter by his second wife. His eldest son, Job Gorham, was named executor. Witnesses were Thomas Thacher, John Marston and Ebenezer Marston.[12]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[13]

By his first wife, Hannah Gorham:

i. **Job**$^{6\text{-}7\text{-}6\text{-}7}$, born 12 December 1754.
ii. **Isaac**, born 29 April 1756, died in a prison ship during the Revolutionary War.
iii. **Desire**, born 16 October 1757.
iv. **Ezekiel**, born 3 December 1758, died at sea; no issue.
v. **John**, born 7 March 1760.
vi. **Elizabeth**, born 10 June 1761.
vii. **Hannah**, bapt. 28 June 1763.
viii. **Temperance**, bapt. 17 February 1765.

By his second wife, Rebecca (Taylor) Jones:

ix. **Mary**$^{6\text{-}7}$, born 11 September 1766.

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286. **Desire Bourne**[5-5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Sylvanus Bourne*[4], *Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 19 January 1718, the daughter of Col. Sylvanus and Mercy (Gorham) Bourne. Desire probably died in Scituate, Mass., after 27 April 1786, the date her dower was set off to her.

Desire Bourne married in Barnstable 22 December 1737 (intentions 20 May 1737) her cousin, **Nathaniel Clap**[5], who was born in Scituate 11 September 1709, baptized 23 October 1709. the son of Stephen Clap and his wife, Temperance Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Nathaniel Clap died in Scituate before 19 December 1783, the day his will was probated.

[For the record of this family see #246, pages 330-32.]

287. **Mary Bourne**[5-5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Sylvanus Bourne*[4], *Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Falmouth, Mass., 22 April 1720,[1] the daughter of Col. Sylvanus and Mercy (Gorham) Bourne. Mary died in Brewster, Mass., 14 November 1813, at 93 years of age, and was buried in the Old Burying Ground, Brewster.[2]

"Mrs." Mary Bourne married in Harwich, Mass., 7 July 1742 (intentions Harwich and Barnstable, 26 June 1742) "Mr." **Nathaniel Stone**, Jr.,[3] who was born in Harwich 29 November 1713 and baptized the same day by his father.[4] Nathaniel was the son of the Rev. Nathaniel and Reliance (Hinckley) Stone. He died in Harwich 7 January 1777, in his 64th year.[5]

Mary was called "Mary Stone" by her father, Sylvanus Bourne, in his will dated 20 May 1765, and by her mother, Mercy Bourne, in her will dated 10 July 1781.[6]

Mary's husband, the Hon. Nathaniel Stone, was a merchant in Harwich. He served as Town Clerk and Treasurer from 1742 to 1777, as a Representative to the General Court, Justice of the Peace, and Sheriff of Barnstable County.[7] Mary was called "wife of Nathaniel Stone," when she was received into full communion with the First Parish Church, 5 November 1758, several years after her first nine children were baptized there in their father's right to the covenant.[8] The Stones lived in the part of Harwich which was set off as Brewster in 1803.[9]

Nathaniel Stone of Harwich, Esq., in his will dated 5 December 1775, probated 8 February 1777, named his wife, Mary Stone, and his children, Silvanus, William, Nathan, Mary, Hannah, Abigail, Eunice, Marcy, Sarah, Olive and Frances.[10] Their son, Nathan Stone, a mariner, "being bound to sea," left a will dated 3 December 1780, probated 12 June 1782, in which he gave a moiety (half) of his estate to his mother, Mary Stone, and

the other moiety in equal shares to his two brothers, Silvanus and William Stone.[11]

Widow Mary Stone outlived her husband by many years. In her will dated 14 May 1804, probated 15 March 1814, Mary Stone of Brewster, gave her real estate and the buildings thereon, owned by her late husband, to her sons, Silvanus and William Stone. She provided for her two daughters, Mary and Mercy, until their marriage. Her son Silvanus received a silver can (or cane) and her watch. William was given a sword and hanger and one silver tablespoon. Her pew in the meeting house in Brewster was to be used by her two sons and her three daughters, Mary, Mercy and Olive. She made gifts to her grandsons William Allen and George Sparhawk, and her granddaughter Olive Sparhawk. Her negro woman Nancy was to be supported by all of her children. The residue of her estate was to be divided among her six daughters, Mary, Hannah, Abigail, Mercy, Sarah and Olive. Hannah was to receive $333.33 less than one-sixth part "on account of what she hath already had." Abigail's share was to be $100 less, Sarah's share $216.61 less, and Olive's $216.66 less, for the same reason. Mary Stone's two sons, Silvanus and William, and her son-in-law, the Rev. John Simpkins, were named joint executors. Witnesses were Reuben Clark, Soloman Freeman and Benjamin Foster. In a codicil dated 24 February 1806 and witnessed by Nathaniel Freeman, Thomas Seabury and Joseph Smith, Mary stated that, since daughter Sarah was now deceased, Sarah's two daughters, Sarah Stone Ripley and Fanny Stone Ripley, were to have Sarah's share, equally. Mary gave her grandson George Sparhawk and granddaughter Olive Sparhawk only $10 each, rather than the $50 mentioned in her will, due to unforseen circumstances. In another codicil dated 20 December 1811 and witnessed by Thomas Mayo, Asa Mayo and Isaac W. Whitman, Mary said that since son Sylvanus was now deceased, the real estate she had given to Sylvanus and William in her will was now to go to her two daughters, Mary and Mercy. Grandson Nathaniel Stone Simpkins, "because of his name," was bequeathed the sword which had originally been given to son William Stone. Her son-in-law, the Rev. John Simpkins, who was ordained in the church in the North Parish of Harwich (later Brewster), was named sole executor. Witnesses were Thomas Mayo, Asa Mayo and Isaac W. Whitman.[12]

Note: Nathaniel Stone's probate records prove that he did not marry a second wife, Desire (Freeman) Thacher, widow of Benjamin Thacher, as stated by Totten in his *Thacher/Thatcher Genealogy* [*NYGBR* 43:336].

Children (**Stone**), all recorded in Harwich, baptized in the First Parish Church, now in Brewster, Mass.:[13]

i. **Mary**[6-6], born 7 June 1742, bapt. 25 July 1742; died unmarried in 1829, aged 87 years.
ii. **Sylvanus**, born 17 July 1743 (*sic*), bapt. 19 June (*sic*) 1743, died 9 August 1743.
iii. **Hannah**, born 4 August 1744, bapt. 5 August 1744.
iv. **Sylvanus**, born 4 April 1746, bapt. 6 April 1746.
v. **Abigail**, born 29 December 1747, bapt. 3 January 1747/8.
vi. **William**, born 31 January 1750, bapt. 4 February 1750.
vii. **Lucy**, born 22 February 1752, bapt. 23 February 1752.
viii. **Eunice**, born 9 February 1754, bapt. 10 February 1754.
ix. **Nathan**, born 13 May 1756, bapt. 16 May 1756.
x. **Mercy**, born 6 March 1758, bapt. 19 March 1758.
xi. **Sarah**, born 4 March 1760, bapt. 16 March 1760.
xii. **Olive**, born 23 October 1762, bapt. 24 October 1762.
xiii. **Frances**, bapt. 18 August 1765.

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288. **Melatiah Bourne**[5-5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Sylvanus Bourne*[4], *Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 14 November 1722,[1] the son of Col. Sylvanus and Mercy (Gorham) Bourne. He died in Barnstable 9 September 1778.[2]

Melatiah Bourne married in Trinity Church, Boston, Mass., 14 October 1750 (intentions 12 July 1750) **Mary Bayard**, (here called "Boyard"),[3] who was born in Boston, 3 July 1732,[4] the daughter of Balthazar and Mary (Bowdoin) Bayard. She probably died in Boston after 6 February 1787.[5]

Melatiah Bourne joined the church in New Boston (West Church of Boston), 4 January 1756.[6] He and his wife inherited large tracts of land in Worcester and Hampshire Counties, Massachusetts, and in Connecticut, from her grandfather, the Hon. James Bowdoin. Melatiah served as Overseer of the Poor in Boston, and as Town Auditor in 1772. He was a Patriot during the Revolution and was forced to flee from Boston to Barnstable during the War.[7] His wife remained in Boston to protect their property there.[8]

Melatiah was mentioned in the wills of his parents, dated 20 May 1763 and 10 July 1781.[9] In his own will dated 9 September 1778, probated in Barnstable 29 January 1779, Melatiah Bourne, "late of Boston, now of Barnstable," gave Mary, his beloved wife, the use of his dwelling house and gardens in Milk Street, Boston, during her life. Their two daughters were to have the right to live in the house as long as they were single. Son Melatiah received his father's silver hilted sword, silver spurs and pistols, etc. Son Sylvanus was given his father's large gold watch, etc. Melatiah gave his brother, Richard Bourne, a watch and a good beaver hat, and Richard's wife received £20 in money, or linen of that value. He gave his brother-in-law, Isaac Hinckley, Esq., £30 for boarding his two daughters in Barnstable. His negro, Scipio, was given his freedom when he reached age 25. All of his housing and real estate was divided equally among his four children, Melatiah, Sylvanus, Mary and Sarah. One-quarter of his silver and money was given to his wife, with the other three-quarters divided among his children. Wife Mary, the Hon. John Pitts, Mr. John White of Boston and Isaac Hinkley, Esq., were named joint executors. Witnesses were Daniel Davis, Joseph Annable and David Gorham. On 13 September 1780, widow Mary Bourne petitioned the House of Representatives to transfer her husband's probate proceedings to Suffolk County, saying that he had for some time, while living, been an inhabitant of Boston, but had fled from Boston while the town was occupied by the British, and had died in Barnstable. Since his will had been probated in Barnstable, it was a great inconvenience in settling his affairs. The House of Representatives granted the petition to transfer Melatiah Bourne's probate proceedings to the Suffolk County court.[10]

On 21 January 1783, Bessinger Foster of Boston, merchant, was appointed guardian of Melatiah's daughters, Mary Bourne and Sarah Bourne, each a minor above fourteen years of age."[11]

Children (**Bourne**), born in Boston, Mass., baptized in the West Church in New Boston:[12]

i. **Melatiah**[6-6], born 3 January 1756, bapt. in January 1756.
ii. Unnamed, bapt. 27 May 1758, "of Melatiah Bourne, Esq.," died young.
iii. **Sylvanus**, born 3 August 1761, bapt. 9 August 1761.
iv. **Mary/Polly**, born 18 July 1764, bapt. 22 July 1764.
v. **Sarah/Sally**, born 10 March 1767, bapt. 15 March 1767.

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289. **William Bourne**[5-5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Sylvanus Bourne*[4], *Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 27 February 1723/4,[1] the son of Col. Sylvanus and Mercy (Gorham) Bourne. He died in Marblehead, Mass., 29 August 1770, aged 47 years, and was buried in St. Michael's Cemetery there.[2]

William Bourne married first, in Marblehead 30 May 1756 **Sarah (Wanton) Legallais,**[3] who was born in Newport, Rhode Island, about 1731,[4] the daughter of Gideon and Mary Wanton. She was the widow of David Legallais whom she had married in Marblehead, 18 November 1753, as his second wife. David Legallais died in Marblehead 1 March 1755.[5] Sarah herself died in Marblehead in 1764, aged 33 years, and was buried in St. Michael's Cemetery.[6]

William Bourne married second, in Marblehead (intentions) 7 May 1768 **Mrs. Deborah (Tasker) Freeman,**[7] who was born in Fairfield, Conn., 5 November 1728, and baptized in Marblehead, 8 October 1732, the daughter of Judge John and Deborah (Skinner) Tasker.[8] Deborah was the widow of James Freeman[6] (*Bethiah Sturgis*[5], *James*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) whom she married in Marblehead 1 October 1758, and by whom she had two daughters, Nancy, who died young, and Deborah, born posthumously, also descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland through their father. James Freeman, Deborah's first husband, died 27 May 1763.[9] Deborah herself died in Marblehead 30 May 1810, aged 77 years, and was buried in St. Michael's Cemetery, called "Deborah Bourne, widow of Col. William Bourne."[10]

William Bourne was a graduate of Harvard College, Class of 1743. He was present at the capitulation of Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, in 1746/7, and lived for some time in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he was appointed a justice of the Court of Common Pleas for Halifax County. He served in Gorham's Rangers in 1757, and then moved to Marblehead where he became a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church. He was a wealthy merchant and served as a member of the Provincial Council and Judge of Probate. He was a life-long friend of the Mashpee Indians in Barnstable County, whose medicinal herbs had saved his life as a child.[11]

William Bourne was mentioned by his father, Sylvanus Bourne of Barnstable, in his will dated 20 May 1763. William died before his mother, Mercy Bourne of Barnstable, who mentioned William's children in her will dated 10 July 1781.[12] William Bourne, Esq., of Marblehead, Essex County, made his own will, 9 August 1770, which was probated 5 November 1770. It was witnessed by Isaac Mansfield, John Gallison, Esq.,

and Richard Hinkley. William appointed his brother, Melatiah Bourne of Boston, as his executor. He gave his beloved wife, Deborah, one-fourth part of his property in addition to all of the silver plate and household furniture that she had brought with her at their marriage. He directed that his debts to the estates of his wife's parents, John and Deborah Tasker, be paid, as well as money that belonged to his wife's daughter, Deborah Freeman, from the estate of her father, James Freeman. He made gifts to the Rev. Mr. Joshua Wingate Weeks of Marblehead, to the poor of St. Michael's Church in Marblehead, and to Edmond Freeman, mariner, son of James Freeman. He made bequests to his deceased sister Eunice's sons, William Gallison and Henry Gallison, identified as sons of his brother-in-law John Gallison; to his sister, Mercy Jordan, wife of Samuel Jordan of Biddeford, County of Cumberland; and to Melatiah Bourne and Sylvanus Bourne, sons of his brother, Melatiah Bourne of Boston. He also mentioned Richard Hinkley, apparently his sister Hannah's eldest son, who lived with him, on condition that he assist the executor in settling the estate. He devised the remainder of his estate to his three daughters, Lucretia, Charlotte and Frances, in equal shares, but if they should die before the age of twenty-one, his brothers and sisters, and their heirs, were to share equally. William appointed his brother, Melatiah Bourne, as executor and as guardian of his three daughters. In addition, William gave his executor the sum of £66-13-4 "for a certain purpose and use not to be made publick, and the said executor is never to account for the same to any person whatsoever." In a codicil dated 10 August 1770 and probated with the will, William added "another and further sum . . . for the same purpose."[13]

The extensive inventory, presented 6 April 1773, included real estate valued at £1962-0-0 and personal estate of £730-16-7, in addition to six sailing vessels, plate, apparel and goods in store, valued at £1390-13-8.[14] On 16 May 1781, the guardianship of William's daughter, Frances Bourne, a minor aged nineteen years, was granted to Dr. John Barnard Swett, who gave bond with Edward Rand and Samuel Cutler as sureties.[15] Widow Deborah Bourne of Marblehead, in her will dated 10 April 1806, proved 15 April 1811, named Joseph Sewall as her executor, with the agreement of her daughter, Deborah Hinckley, wife of Capt. Joseph Hinckley of Marblehead, merchant. Widow Bourne gave Oliver Peabody of Exeter, New Hampshire, Joseph Sewall and Isaac Hinckley both of Boston, and Samuel Swett of Salem, all of her real estate in trust for her daughter and her daughter's husband. After the death of her daughter, Deborah Hinckley, her homestead was to go to her granddaughter, Deborah Freeman Hinckley. The residue was to go to the surviving grandchildren, the heirs of her daughter, "as shall be living."[16] [Deborah was not William Bourne's daughter.]

Children (**Bourne**), by his first wife, Sarah (Wanton) Legallais, born in Marblehead, Mass.:[17]

i. **Sarah**[6-6], born 26 May 1757; not mentioned in father's will.
ii. **Lucretia**, born 13 July 1758.
iii. **Charlotte**, born 14 April 1760.
iv. **Frances**, born 31 March 1761.

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290. **Hannah Bourne**[5-5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Sylvanus Bourne*[4], *Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 8 December 1725, the daughter of Col. Sylvanus and Mercy (Gorham) Bourne. She died in Barnstable after 1803 and was buried in the West Barnstable Cemetery with her husband, with no date given.

Hannah Bourne married in Barnstable 18 December 1748 (intentions 7 September 1748) her cousin, **Isaac Hinckley**[5], who was born in Barnstable 31 October 1719, the son of Joseph Hinckley and his wife, Mary Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]).

[For the record of this family see #253, pages 339-40.]

291. **Mercy Bourne**[5-5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Sylvanus Bourne*[4], *Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 22 August 1727,[1] the daughter of Col. Sylvanus and Mercy (Gorham) Bourne. She died of smallpox or yellow fever in Biddeford, now in Maine, 23 October 1802.[2]

Mercy Bourne married in Boston 10 April 1751 (intentions Biddeford, where she was called "Mary Brown (*sic*) of Barnstable," 2 March 1750 [1750/1]) **Samuel Jordan** of Biddeford,[3] who was born in Biddeford (Winter Harbor) 5 April 1729,[4] the son of Samuel and Olive (Plaisted) Jordan. Samuel died in Saco, Maine, of smallpox or yellow fever, 19 October 1802, four days before his wife.[5]

Samuel Jordan graduated from Harvard College in 1750. He was a merchant and served as a Representative to the General Court, Select-

man and Justice of the Peace for York County, and also for the newly formed Lincoln County, from 1773 until 1788. This family lived in Biddeford until 1769, and then on Jordan's Island in the town of Goldsborough, followed by Union River until 1788, when they moved back to Saco.[6]

Mercy was called "Mercy Jordan" in the wills of her parents, Sylvanus and Mercy Bourne, dated 20 May 1763 and 10 July 1781.[7] She was called "my sister, Mercy Jordan, wife of Samuel Jordan of near Biddeford in the county of Cumberland" by her brother, William Bourne, in his will dated 9 August 1770.[8]

No probate records have been found for Samuel and Mercy Jordan.

Children (**Jordan**), born in Biddeford, now in Maine:[9]

i. **Samuel**[5-5], born 23 May 1752.
ii. **Melatiah**, born 2 December 1753.
iii. **Mercy**, born 30 or 31 January 1756,
iv. **Olive**, bapt. 18 June 1758.
v. **Tristram**, bapt. 30 December 1759.
vi. **Sylvanus**, bapt. 2 August 1761.
vii. **Richard**, bapt. 24 July 1763.
viii. **William Bourne**, bapt. 15 September 1765.
ix. **Abigail**, bapt. 26 March 1768.

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292. **Abigail Bourne**[5-5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Sylvanus Bourne*[4], *Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 21 June 1729,[1] the daughter of Col. Sylvanus and Mercy (Gorham) Bourne. Abigail died in Marshfield, Mass., 21 December 1761, and was buried there in the Winslow Cemetery, called "daughter of Hon. Sylvanus Bourn, Esq."[2]

Abigail Bourne married in Marshfield 14 March 1754 **Kenelm Winslow** "of Marshfield,"[3] who was born in Marshfield 5 November 1716, baptized 20 April 1718,[4] the son of Kenelm Winslow and his wife, Abigail Waterman, a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Richard Warren.

Abigail's three children, Kenelm, Joseph and Abigail Winslow were given £22-4 in her father's will, dated 20 May 1763. Her mother, Mercy Bourne, also mentioned Abigail's children in her will dated 10 July 1781.[6]

At Hanover, Mass., 24 August 1780, son Kenelm Winslow and son-in-law John Gallison, both of Marshfield, yeomen, were named administrators of the intestate estate of Kenelm Winslow, Esq., late of Marshfield, by Isaac Lothrop, Register of Probate. Thomas Dingley and Asa Waterman were named as sureties.[7] In August of 1780, Nathaniel Clap, Esq., of Scituate, Mass., and Thomas Dingley and Asa Waterman, both of Marshfield, were directed to make a just and equal appraisement of the estate, real and personal, which was completed 31 August 1780. On 1 September 1780, the administrators, Kenelm Winslow and John Gallison, presented the inventory which included notes and personal estate, in "hard money," amounting to £553-2-7, and real estate which was appraised at £1750-0-0, totaling £2303-2-7.[8] Nathaniel Clap, Thomas Dingley and Asa Waterman were appointed to examine the claims of creditors, which amounted to £1070-2-4, including debts to his wife's mother, Madame Mercy Bourne, to the heirs of her brother, Melatiah Bourne, and to her brother-in-law, Isaac Hinckley.[9] On the same date the administrators stated that the estate was "greatly insolvent."[10] On 30 October 1781, Thomas Foard, yeoman, Thomas Dingley, Gent., and Asa Waterman, yeoman, all of Marshfield, were authorized to "view" the real estate that Kenelm Winslow owned in partnership with Cornelius Sampson of Kingston, and to divide it into equal parts, or shares, by metes and bounds.[11] The final accounts of Kenelm Winslow and John Gallison were submitted 15 February 1782. The estate totaled £651-13-11. Expenses were £176-13-3, leaving a balance of £475-0-8.[12]

Joseph Winslow of Marshfield, younger son of Kenelm and Abigail Winslow, "a minor above the age of nineteen," chose Asa Waterman of Marshfield, yeoman, to be his guardian, 28 September 1780.[13] The other children were of legal age.

Children (**Winslow**), born in Marshfield, Mass.:[14]

i. **Kenelm**[6-6], born 24 July 1756.
ii. **Abigail**, born 28 June 1758.
iii. **Joseph**, born 12 November 1760.

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293. **Sylvanus Bourne**[5-5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Sylvanus Bourne*[4], *Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 21 November 1731,[1] the son of Col. Sylvanus and Mercy (Gorham) Bourne. Sylvanus died suddenly in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., 22 May 1761.[2]

"Mr." Sylvanus Bourne, "Junr.," married in Barnstable, Mass., or Sandwich, Mass., 3 February 1757 (intentions 5 December 1756) "Mrs." **Hannah Sturgis**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 24 August 1735,[4] the daughter of Thomas and Martha (Russell) Sturgis. Hannah died in Barnstable 13 June 1799, aged 63 years.[5]

Hannah, called "Mrs. Sylvanus Bourne," was admitted to the East Church in Barnstable 16 October 1757.[6] During the French and Indian War Silvanus served as a captain in the Provincial Army.[7]

Capt. Sylvanus Bourne, Junr., of Barnstable, merchant, "being bound on a dangerous enterprise," made his will 24 May 1758, leaving his entire estate to his dearly beloved wife, Hannah Bourne. No children were mentioned. The will was witnessed by Fear Lewis, Alice Taylor and Abigail Lewis, and was presented for probate 16 July 1761 by widow Hannah Bourne. The widow and her brother-in-law, Isaac Hinckley, Jr., Esq., were named as joint executors. One of the three witnesses, Alice Taylor, swore to the signature, saying that Fear Lewis was now deceased and Abigail Lewis had moved out of the jurisdiction of the court. The inventory, taken 24 September 1761, amounted to £122-9, in addition to some merchandise. An accounting was made by Isaac Hinckley, Esq., and Hannah Bourne, 24 March 1764.[8]

Hannah's father, Thomas Sturgis of Barnstable, in his will dated 29 November 1763, made a bequest of £25 to his daughter, Hannah Bourne, and made provision for her care "in case she remained single" until after her mother's death.[9] Hannah's mother-in-law, Mercy Bourne, mentioned Hannah as her "daughter-in-law, Hannah Bourne," in her will dated 10 July 1781, probated 28 May 1782.[10] No grandchildren were mentioned.

Hannah Bourne of Barnstable, widow, made her will dated 1 June 1798, in which she gave all of her estate to her niece, Elizabeth Sturgis.[11]

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294. **Eunice Bourne**[5-5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Sylvanus Bourne*[4], *Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 16 February 1732/3,[1] the daughter of Col. Sylvanus and Mercy (Gorham) Bourne. She died in Marblehead, Mass., before 10 July 1781, the date her mother made her will.[2]

Eunice Bourne married in Barnstable, 19 June 1755, as his second wife, **John Gallison** of Marblehead,[3] who was born 3 February 1730/1,[4] the son of John and Agnes (Stacy) Gallison. John died in Marblehead 26 March 1786, aged 55 years.[5] John Gallison's first wife was Abigail Lee, whom he married 1 November 1750,[6] and by whom he had three children, Abigail, John and Joseph,[7] not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Eunice Gallison was living when she was mentioned by her father, Sylvanus Bourne, in his will dated 20 May 1763, but she had died before her mother, Mercy Bourne, made her will 10 July 1781.[9]

John Gallison, called Esq., was a prominent merchant in Marblehead. He served as Selectman, Justice of the Peace, and Representative to the General Court. In 1777 he was made Colonel of the 5th Essex Regiment.[10]

Col. John Gallison died intestate. On 2 May 1786 his son, Henry Gallison, was named administrator, with Samuel Sewall and John Knight as sureties. On 6 July 1786, his estate was valued at £1926-3-10 by his son-in-law Woodward Abraham, along with Joshua Prentiss and John Knight. On 8 June 1790, Col. Gallison's debts were reported as amounting to £2400-0-0, and the estate was declared insolvent. A commission composed of Capt. Joseph Willson and Mr. Joshua Prentiss were appointed to settle the claims.[11]

It is interesting to note that John Gallison's son by his first wife, also named John, married his second wife's niece, Abigail Winslow, daughter of Kenelm and Abigail (Bourne) Winslow of Marshfield, who was also a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[12]

Children (**Gallison**), born in Marblehead, Mass.:[13]

i. **William**[6-6], born 16 April 1756, died 17 November 1777.
ii. **Eunice**, born 12 June 1757, died 31 May 1759.
iii. **Henry**, born 9 August 1758, died 11 May 1759.
iv. **Henry**, born 2 December 1759, "second of the name."
v. **Anise**, born 25 March 1761.
vi. **Abigail**, born 21 January 1763 (twin); named in grandmother Mercy Bourne's will.
vii. **Eunice**, born 21 January 1763 (twin).
viii. **Sarah**, born 10 July 1764, bapt. 15 July 1764, died 10 September 1765.

ix. **Elizabeth**, born 10 June 1765, bapt. 23 June 1765.
x. **Sylvanus**, born in April, bapt. 12 April 1767.
xi. **Michael**, born 22 April 1768, bapt. 24 April 1768.
xii. **Harriet**, born 17 February 1771, bapt. 10 March 1771.
xiii. **Charlotte**, born 21 July 1773, bapt. 25 July 1773.

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295. **Richard Bourne**[5-5] (*Mercy Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Sylvanus Bourne*[4], *Desire Chipman*[3], *Hope*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 1 November 1739, baptized 18 November 1739,[1] the son of Col. Sylvanus and Mercy (Gorham) Bourne. Richard died in Barnstable 25 April 1826, aged 86 years, and was buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery.[2]

Richard Bourne married in Barnstable 29 March 1770 (intentions 7 October 1769) **Hannah Sturgis**[6],[3] who was born in Barnstable 9 March 1741,[4] the daughter of John Sturgis[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his first wife, Abigail Allen. Hannah died in Barnstable 5 March 1826, at 85 years of age, and was buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery there.[5] [See #140:vii, page 216.]

Richard Bourne was mentioned in the wills of both of his parents, Sylvanus and Mercy Bourne, dated 20 May 1763 and 10 July 1781 and was named sole executor of his mother's will. He inherited his father's silver-hilted sword, his grandfather's large silver tankard, and his mother's real estate, livestock and tools, in addition to her great Bible.[6]

Richard was a doctor but had few patients. He kept the town library in his house and was Barnstable's first postmaster. He was accused of defrauding the government because of a shortage in his postal accounts and his property was confiscated. After his death he was exonerated and his property was returned to his daughter, his only survivor.[7] On 30 June 1812, Hannah Bourne, called "Mrs. Dr. Richard Bourne," was admitted to the East Church of Barnstable from the West Church.[8] Otis called her a very intelligent woman.

No probate records were found in Barnstable County for either Richard or Hannah Bourne.

Children (**Bourne**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[9]

i. **Abigail**[6-6-7], bapt. 28 February 1779.

ii. **William Allen**, born in August 1781, died 3 October 1783, aged 2 years 2 months; buried in Lothrop's Hill Cemetery.

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unto him the Said Shubal Bunker his Heirs & Assigns against
the Lawfull Claims & Demands of any Person or Persons what
soever forever hereafter to Warrant Secure & Defend by these
Presents In Witness Whereof I the said Desire Bunker have
to these Presents Set my Hand & Seal this Seventh Day of
December and in the thirty third year of the Reign of Georde
the Second of Great Brittain &c King anno que domini 1759

Signed Sealed & Delivered
In the Presence of us

Desier Bunker O

Joseph Worth
Peleg Coffin

Nantucket ss Sherborner

Fig. 12. A deed from Desire Bunker to her son, Shubal (*sic*). From Nantucket Co. Deeds 6:183-84. [For her family see #479, pp. 615-16.]

20. The Grandchildren of Joseph Gorham[3]

296. **Thomas Howes**[5] (*Sarah Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 22 January 1699/1700,[1] the son of Ebenezer Howes and his first wife, Sarah Gorham, and a twin with his sister, Sarah. He died in Dennis, near Yarmouth, 12 November 1764, in his 65th year and was buried in the Old Burying Ground in Dennis.[2]

Thomas Howes married before 1724 **Deborah Sears**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 11 March 1705, and baptized in the First Parish Church of Brewster, 6 May 1705,[4] the daughter of Paul and Mercy (Freeman) Sears and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Elder William Brewster. Deborah died in Dennis, Mass., 11 September 1781, in her 77th year and was buried in the Old Burying Ground in Dennis.[5]

Thomas Howes was named in the wills of his maternal grandparents, Joseph and Sarah Gorham, dated 27 July 1723 and 1 May 1728.[6] Deborah was called "Deborah Howes" by her mother, Mercy Sears, in her will dated 13 December 1746.[7]

Thomas Howes of Yarmouth, Gentleman, made his will 25 May 1764, proved 11 December 1764, in which he gave his beloved wife Deborah, all of his estate as long as she remained his widow. He gave 40 shillings to each of his four "eldest" daughters, Desire, Deborah, Betty and Mercy. He gave his two youngest daughters, Jerusha and Sarah, £16 each, and liberty to stay in the dwelling until married. All of his buildings, uplands and meadows were to be divided among his four sons Moody, Daniel, Edmund and Reuben, after his wife's death or marriage. He named his wife Deborah, and youngest son, Reuben, joint executors. Witnesses were John Hall, Joseph Staple and Stephen Hall.[8]

Children (**Howes**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

i. **Moody**[6], born 18 July 1724.
ii. **Desire**, born 8 January 1726/7.
iii. **Deborah**, born 1 December 1727.
iv. **Betty**, born 2 January 1730/1.
v. **Mercy**, born 25 May 1732.
vi. **Jerusha**, born 7 January 1735/6.
vii. **Daniel**, born 14 October 1738.
viii. **Edmund**, born 10 April 1742.
ix. **Reuben**, born 29 August 1745.

x. **Sarah**, born 18 October 1749.

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297. **Sarah Howes**[5] (*Sarah Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 22 January 1699/1700,[1] the daughter of Ebenezer Howes and his first wife, Sarah Gorham, and a twin with her brother, Thomas. Sarah probably died in East Hampton, Conn., some time after she and her family moved there in 1748.[2]

Sarah Howes married in Yarmouth 26 May 1720 **Ebenezer Sears**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 15 August 1694,[4] the son of Paul and Mercy (Freeman) Sears and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Elder William Brewster. Ebenezer died in East Hampton, Connecticut, some time after moving there in 1748.[5] He was a brother of Deborah Sears who married Sarah's brother, Thomas Howes.

Sarah was admitted to membership in the Second Congregational Church in Chatham, Mass., 6 August 1727.[6] She was called "Sarah Sears" in the wills of her grandparents, Joseph and Sarah Gorham, dated 27 July 1723 and 1 May 1728.[7] The Sears family moved to Middletown, Conn., and, in 1748, Ebenezer bought land in East Hampton, on the east side of the Connecticut River, in the area that later was set off as Chatham, Conn.[8]

No probate records have been found for Ebenezer and Sarah Sears.

Children (**Sears**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[9]

i. **Sarah**[6], born 10 March 1720/1.
ii. **Desire**, born 23 April 1722, died 6 July 1723.
iii. **Ebenezer**, born 13 June 1723.
iv. **Desire**, born 15 August 1725.
v. **Hezekiah**, born in May, died in December 1727.
vi. **Hezekiah**, born 30 December 1728.
vii. **Thomas**, born 22 September 1731.
viii. **Betsy**, born 27 August 1733.
ix. **Dinah**, born 1 December 1735.
x. **Marcy**, born 11 February 1738.
xi. **Hannah**, born 23 November 1739, died 26 April 1742, "or thereabout."
xii. **Ann**, born 5 February, died 18 April 1741.
xiii. Unnamed son, born 12 March, died in April 1743.

xiv. **Paul**, born 29 November 1744.

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298. **Elizabeth Howes**[5] (*Sarah Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 28 September 1701,[1] the daughter of Ebenezer Howes and his first wife, Sarah Gorham. She died in Yarmouth 7 March 1791, in her 90th year, called "widow of Mr. Joseph Crosby."[2]

Elizabeth Howes married in Yarmouth 10 January 1727 (intentions 12 October 1726) **Joseph Crosby**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 20 June 1695,[4] the son of Joseph and Mehitable (Miller) Crosby. Joseph died in Yarmouth 3 July 1757.[5]

Joseph Crosby was the executor of the will of his father, also named Joseph Crosby, dated 15 May 1725.[6] Joseph and Elizabeth named one of their sons for Joseph's mother's family, "Miller." Deacon Joseph Crosby of Yarmouth, yeoman, in his will dated 23 February 1756, probated 27 July 1757, mentioned his wife, Elizabeth, his eldest son, Joseph Crosby, his eldest daughter, Elizabeth Hall, his other two daughters, Rebecca and Sarah Crosby, and his other two sons, Miller and Ebenezer Crosby. He appointed his wife as sole executrix. Witnesses were David Howes, Micah Chapman and Joseph Staple. The inventory was taken 30 August 1757 by Thomas Howes and Zachariah Sears.[7] Widow Elizabeth Crosby, as executrix of her husband's estate, in rendering her accounts, mentioned her grandson, Rowland Sears, son of her daughter, Elizabeth, for whom her husband had been guardian. She noted that daughter Elizabeth's second husband, John Hall, had been paid in cash for boarding this child for four years.[8] Thirty years later, on 6 October 1787, a warrant was issued by the court appointing Jonathan Howes, Micah Chapman and William Hall to make a division of the estate of Joseph Crosby, deceased, by setting off to Betty Crosby, Joseph's widow, one third full part. On 31 December 1787, this was done. Mention was made of her son, Ebenezer, and son Miller, deceased.[9]

Children (**Crosby**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[10]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 14 September 1728.
ii. **Rebeckah**, born 8 August 1730.
iii. **Sarah**, born 6 August 1734.
iv. Infant, born 26 March 1737, died 22 May 1737.
v. **Joseph**, born 19 March 1737/8.

vi. **Miller**, born 17 June 1742.
vii. **Ebenezer**, born 6 March 1744/5.

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299. **Mary Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 25 November 1709,[1] the daughter of Joseph Gorham and his first wife, Sarah Kirk. She died probably in Stratford, Conn., sometime after her second marriage, 9 November 1747.[2]

Mary was called "Mrs. Mary Gorham of Stratford," denoting her social status, when she married first, recorded in New Haven, Conn., 27 April 1730 **Daniel Munson** of New Haven,[3] who was born in New Haven 12 January 1708/9 and baptized in the First Church of Christ, New Haven, 5 April 1719,[4] the son of Theophilus and Esther (Mix) Munson. Daniel Munson died in Stratford 21 June 1746, in his 38th year.[5] Mary married second, in Stratford, 9 November 1747 **Benjamin Arnold,**[6] whose first wife, Elizabeth, had died in June 1747, and was the mother of his daughter, Hannah Arnold,[7] who was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Mary's father, Joseph Gorham, in his will dated 22 September 1741, probated 20 May 1742, called her Mary Munson and gave her a silver porringer and a spoon.[8] On 14 May 1743, Mary's husband, Daniel Munson, and Daniel Hawley, were appointed executors of her father's estate.[9]

Daniel Munson graduated from Yale, Class of 1726 and earned an additional degree in 1729. He was Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven in 1729. This family lived in New Haven until about 1740.[10] On 9 April 1740, Doctor Daniel Munson bought two acres of commonage in the Old Society in Stratford for £7 from Ebenezer Hurd of Stratford.[11] On 22 July 1742 he sold one acre right of commonage back to Ebenezer Hurd, and on 4 April 1743 he sold the other right of commonage.[12] Daniel was a physician in Stratford where he became a member of the Second Episcopal Church in February 1744 and owned a pew there in 1745.[13]

No probate records have been found for either Daniel Munson or Benjamin Arnold but, on 6 October 1747 Daniel's son, Joseph Kirk Munsen (*sic*) of Stratford, chose William Bailey of Stratford as his guardian.[14]

Children (**Munson**), by her first husband, Daniel Munson, first four born and baptized in New Haven, Conn., last three born in Stratford, Conn.:[15]

i. **Joseph Kirk**[6], bapt. 1 August 1731.
ii. **George**, bapt. 7 January 1732/3, died young.
iii. **Sarah**, bapt. 14 July 1734, died young.
iv. **Daniel**, bapt. 31 October 1736, died young.
v. **George**, born 21 July 1740.
vi. **Sarah**, born 21 November 1742.
vii. **Daniel**, born 4 April 1745.

Child (**Arnold**), by her second husband, Benjamin Arnold, born in Stratford, Conn.:[16]

viii. **Susannah**, bapt. in June 1749.

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300. **George Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 20 May 1711,[1] the son of Joseph Gorham and his first wife, Sarah Kirk. He died probably in Stratford, Conn., after 5 November 1762, the date of his last real estate transaction.[2]

George Gorham married, probably in Stratford about 1736 **Hannah Welles**,[3] who was born in Stratford 14 April 1718,[4] the daughter of John and Mary (Judson) Welles. Hannah apparently died in Stratford before 2 January 1760, for on that date her husband sold property and Hannah did not sign away her rights.[5]

George's mother-in-law, Mary Welles, in her will written in 1740 called her daughter "Hannah Gorham," but Hannah's husband's first name was not mentioned.[6] However, in a deed dated 15 February 1743/4, Hannah and her four sisters sold to their brother, Isaac Welles, land they had inherited from their father, John Welles, 3rd. George Gorham joined in the sale as the husband of Hannah Gorham.[7]

George Gorham was given a silver two-eared cup by his father, Joseph Gorham of Stratford, in his will dated 22 September 1741, proved 20 May 1742.[8] On 15 April 1743 he was named administrator of the intestate estate of his stepmother, Temperance Gorham.[9] On the same day George was appointed guardian of his younger half-brother, Benjamin Gorham.[10]

On 22 September 1750, after his father's estate was finally distributed, Capt. George Gorham was called "the administrator for the intestate estate" of his father, Capt. Joseph Gorham, meaning the part of the estate that had not been bequeathed by Joseph in his will.[11]

Starting 21 August 1738, George Gorham bought and sold a great deal of property in Stratford. On 15 February 1744, George and his wife, Hannah, sold to her brother, Isaac Welles, land called Wood End and Great Neck.[12] On 9 May 1746, George Gorham paid his half-brother, Samuel Gorham, £120 for the one-fifth part of their father's estate that their father had bequeathed to Samuel but which had not yet been distributed to him. On 13 May 1746, George bought for £130 the one-fifth share that his brother, John Gorham, had inherited, each share being one-fifth part of the house lot and dwelling. On 22 May 1749, he bought his half-brother, Hezekiah's share for £150.[13] On 9 July 1750, George bought back from Joseph Ufford the land Joseph Ufford had bought from George's father's estate to settle Joseph Gorham's debts.[14] This occurred before Joseph Ufford had recorded his deed in court and before George's father's estate had been distributed to his heirs.

Ten years later, on 2 January 1760, George Gorham sold 14 acres of land within the General Field for £42 to Isaac Judson Wells, his wife's brother, without his wife signing away her dower rights, indicating that she may have died. On 2 April 1761, George sold 6 acres of land to Samuel Jones for £110. On 23 February 1762, he bought five acres of land with a mansion house, barn and warehouse in Stratford from Samuel Jones for £143-9-4, and sold the same property to Stephen Curtis, Jr., and Joseph Tomlinson. On 5 November 1762, he sold to Joseph Tomlinson for £10 two acres of salt meadow land in the Common Meadows being previously the meadow of his father, Capt. Joseph Gorham, deceased.[15]

Inscriptions on the tombstones for three of George and Hannah Gorham's five daughters, in the Congregational Burying Place in Stratford, show that they died unmarried. "Miss Mary Gorham, daughter of Mr. George Gorham" died 26 December 1813 in the 70th year of her age. Phebe Gorham died 6 July 1824, aged 65 years (*sic*). Charity Gorham died 14 December 1833, aged 78 years (*sic*). Two sons were also buried there: Capt. Isaac Gorham, died 14 February 1820, aged 81 years, and George Gorham died 21 October 1837, aged 77 years.[16]

No probate records were found for either George or Hannah Gorham.

Children (**Gorham**), first four recorded in Stratford, Conn.:[17]

i. **Isaac**^{6}, born 7 December 1738.
ii. **Sarah**, born 23 May 1741.
iii. **Mary**, born 14 October 1743.
iv. **Hannah**, born 6 December 1747.

v. **Charity**, bapt. 10 May 1752.
vi. **Phebe**, probably born in 1757.
vii. **George**, probably born the end of 1759.

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301. **Joseph Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stratford, Conn., 17 November 1712, the son of Joseph Gorham and his first wife, Sarah Kirk.[1] He died between 12 March 1761, when he sold some land, and 16 June 1773, when a Joseph Gorham, Junr., probably his son, died.[2]

Joseph Gorham married probably before 1744 **Anna/Hannah Curtis**[3] who was born and baptized in August 1725,[4] the daughter of Nathan and Eunice (Judson) Curtis. She probably died in Stratford before 12 March 1761.[5]

Joseph was given a silver porringer by his father, Joseph Gorham of Stratford, in his will dated 22 September 1741, probated 20 May 1742.[6] On 21 September 1750, Joseph received his share of his father's estate which included the warehouse and some land around it.[7]

Joseph's Gorham's wife was called "daughter of Eunice Curtis" and "Anna, wife of Joseph Gorham," by her grandmother, Mary Judson, in her will dated 17 July 1751.[8]

It may have been this Joseph Gorham, not his father of the same name, who was said to have contributed to the building fund of the Second Episcopal Church in Stratford in February 1742/3, almost a year after his father's death.[9] On 2 April 1745 Barnslee Peters of Woodstock, Mass., sold to Joseph Gorham of Stratford, two acres of salt meadow in Stratford for £12.[10] On 12 March 1761 Joseph Gorham of Stratford sold to Nathan Curtis of Stratford, a messuage of land in Stratford formerly owned by his father, Capt. Joseph Gorham, containing about three quarters of an acre for £95. Joseph's wife, Anna, must have died previously because she did not sign away her dower rights, as required by law.[11]

A Joseph Gorham of Stratford, called "Junr.," died intestate before 16 June 1773, when Nathan Gorham was appointed as the administrator of his estate. This was probably Joseph and Anna's eldest son, Joseph, two

years older than Nathan, not Nathan's father of the same name. If the father had been living, he would have been the administrator of Joseph, Junr.'s estate himself. If it were the father who had died, called Joseph Gorham, Junr., than Nathan's older brother, Joseph, would have been the administrator. There were so many men in the Stratford area named Joseph Gorham that it is difficult to ascertain which one was "junior" to whom. Nathan Gorham and Nathan Curtis, Junr., his mother's brother, gave bond for £200 as surety in settling the estate of Joseph Gorham, Junr. Witnesses were Joshua Burr and Abigail Silliman.[12]

Children (**Gorham**), born and baptized in Stratford, Conn., original church record not located:[13]

i. **Joseph**^{6}, bapt. in February 1744/5, died young.
ii. **Betty**, bapt. in July 1746.
iii. **Joseph**, bapt. in October 1749, died before 16 June 1773.
iv. **Nathan**, bapt. in August 1751; administrator of Joseph Gorham, Junr.'s, estate; served in the Revolutionary War.
v. **William**, bapt. in April 1754; served in the Revolutionary War.
vi. **Tryphena**, "who married Joel McEwen."

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302. **John Gorham**^{5} (*Joseph*$^{4-3}$, *Desire*^{2} *Howland, John*^{1}) was born in Stratford, Conn., 20 July 1718,[1] the son of Joseph Gorham and his first wife, Sarah Kirk. John died sometime after 13 May 1746, when he sold his share of his father's estate to his older brother, George Gorham.[2]

John's father, Joseph Gorham of Stratford, in his will dated 22 September 1741, proved 20 May 1742, gave John two silver spoons and, after his stepmother's death, he was to share equally with four of his brothers and half-brothers in his father's real estate.[3] Because his stepmother died soon after his father, leaving minor children, the estate apparently was not settled until 1750. Becoming impatient, on 13 May 1746, John Gorham of Stratford sold to his older brother, George Gorham, for £130, his share in his father's estate, described as a tract of land in Stratford being one-fifth part of the house lot and dwelling of his deceased father.[4] On 2 July 1750, the court ordered the estate to be distributed and on 21 September

1750 John's brother, George, acting as John's assignee, received John's share of their father's estate.[5] No record has been found which would show whether or not John Gorham was alive at this date.

[Note: The Gorham MS 3:208, is in error in stating that John's mother, Temperance, was named executrix of her son John's will on 15 April 1743. It was the will of her husband, Joseph Gorham, for which Temperance was named executrix on that date. John was still living when he sold his share of his father's estate to his brother, George, 13 May 1746.]

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303. **Samuel Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stratford, Conn., 15 July 1724,[1] the son of Joseph Gorham and his second wife, Temperance (Norton) Adams. He may have died in Trumbull, Conn., near Stratford, after 1760, the year the birth of his youngest child was recorded.[2]

Samuel Gorham married in Stratford 8 December 1747 **Ann Greene/-Grooman/Grumman**,[3] who has not been identified.[4] Ann died probably in Trumbull, near Stratford, after 1760 when the birth of her last child was recorded.[5]

Samuel was mentioned by his father, Joseph Gorham, in his will dated 22 September 1741, probated 20 May 1742, in which Samuel was given one-fifth of his father's real estate after the death of his mother, Temperance.[6] His mother died soon after his father, and on 5 May 1743, Samuel Gorham chose James Beach of Stratford to be his guardian.[7] On 9 May 1746, Samuel Gorham of Stratford sold his share of his father's estate to his half-brother, George Gorham, the property being described as a parcel of house lot, land and meadow in Stratford which was one fifth part of the house lot of his father, Capt. Joseph Gorham, together with one-fifth part of the dwelling house and barn and warehouse.[8] Final distribution of his father's estate was ordered by the court 2 July 1750, and distribution was made 21 September 1750, with Samuel's half-brother, George, receiving Samuel's share.[9]

No probate records have been found for either Samuel Gorham or his wife.

Children (**Gorham**), born in Stratford, Conn.:[10]

i. **Temperance**[5], born 24 August 1749.
ii. **Ame/Mercy**, born 20 February 1752.

iii. **Nehemiah**, born 10 October 1753.
iv. **Sarah**, born 19 August 1755, (twin), died 13 July 1761.
v. **David**, born 19 August 1755 (twin), died 13 July 1761.
vi. **David**, born 17 February 1760.

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304. **Hezekiah Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stratford, Conn., 20 March 1727/8,[1] the son of Captain Joseph Gorham and his second wife, Temperance (Norton) Adams. He died after 23 May 1749, the date he sold his share of his father's estate to his half-brother, George Gorham.[2]

Hezekiah's father, Joseph Gorham, in his will dated 27 September 1741, proved 20 May 1742, gave Hezekiah an equal share in his real estate with four of his brothers and half-brothers.[3] On 3 March 1742/3, Hezekiah chose Mr. Ephraim Curtis, Esq., of Stratford, as his guardian.[4] On 23 May 1749, having reached legal age, Hezekiah Gorham of Stratford sold his share of his father's estate to his half-brother, George Gorham, for £150, comprising one-fifth part of the house lot, land, barn and building where George Gorham then lived, in addition to one-fifth part of a larger tract, "and is about one acre of upland and meadow."[5]

Nothing more is known about this Hezekiah Gorham.

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305. **Benjamin Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stratford, Conn., 17 November 1733,[1] the son of Joseph Gorham and his second wife, Temperance (Norton) Adams. He died sometime after 21 September 1750, the date he received his share of the estate of his father, Joseph Gorham.[2]

Benjamin Gorham was nine years of age when his father, Joseph Gorham died, 24 April 1742.[3] In his will dated 22 September 1741, probated 20 May 1742, Joseph Gorham gave Benjamin an equal share with four of his brothers and half-brothers, in his real estate, after the death of Benjamin's mother.[4] His oldest half-brother, George Gorham, was appointed as Benjamin's guardian 15 April 1743, after his mother,

Temperance Gorham, died.[5] On 26 January 1749/50, Benjamin chose Abraham Curtis of Stratford as his guardian.[6] On 21 September 1750, Benjamin shared in the distribution of his father's estate, in which he received 107 rods of land and £40 "old currency," to be paid by his half-brother, George, out of the value of the house, which George had received as part of the three shares he had bought from his brother, John, and his half-brothers, Samuel and Hezekiah.[7]

The last record found for Benjamin was dated 7 October 1760, when Benjamin Gorham of Stratford sold to Isaac Gorham of Stratford, for £20, three-quarters of an acre of land in Stratford, being a part of a house lot formerly belonging to [his father], Capt. Joseph Gorham of Stratford, deceased.[7]

Nothing more is known about this Benjamin Gorham.

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306. **Rebecca Gorham**[5] (*Josiah*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Newport, R.I., 14 July 1717,[1] the daughter of Josiah Gorham and his first wife, Sarah. She died in Stephentown, Rensselaer County, N.Y. 21 July 1799, in her 83d year,[2] an age which agrees with her date of birth in Newport.

Rebecca Gorham married in Newport, R. I., 30 January 1737/8 **Benjamin Brown**,[3] who was born in Swansea, Mass., 24 February 1715,[4] the son of John Brown of Swansea and his second wife, Mary (Pierce) Burgain. Benjamin Brown died in Stephentown, N.Y., 8 September 1787, in his 73d year.[5] His age at death confirms his identity as the Benjamin Brown who was born in Swansea to Capt. John and Mary Brown.

Rebecca was the only child born to her father, Josiah Gorham, by his first wife, Sarah. Rebecca's mother's surname has not been discovered but, since Rebecca was born in Newport, R.I., and was also married there, her mother's family probably lived in Newport and may have reared Rebecca there. Rebecca's father, Josiah Gorham, returned to Yarmouth, Mass., where he married a second wife and raised a large family. Rebecca's birth in Newport was recorded in Yarmouth records, followed by the births of her father's children by his second wife. Rebecca was mentioned by her father, Josiah Gorham of Yarmouth, in his will dated 17 January 1772, probated 15 April 1775, in which Josiah called his daughter "Re-

becca Brown" and gave her forty shillings to be paid to her by her half-brother, David Gorham, within one year of her father's death.[6]

Benjamin Brown's father, Capt. John Brown of Swansea, Mass., in his will dated 20 March 1752, probated 5 May 1752, mentioned his son, Benjamin "who lives in Rhode Island," as well as his second wife, Mary, his other sons, John, James, Jeremiah, David and Seth Brown, and his daughters, Mary, wife of Daniel Gould, Ann, wife of [Walter] Chaloner, Elizabeth Hudson, Rachell, unmarried, Lydia, wife of Benjamin Barton, and Martha, unmarried. John Brown's inventory included land in Swansea, Rehoboth and Warren. Witnesses were Hezekiah Luther, Martin Luther and John Kinnicut.[7]

Rebecca and her husband, Benjamin Brown, were living in Providence, R.I., when three of their children were baptized in King's Church, now St. John's, named John, born 15 January 1745, Sarah, born 27 December 1747 and died 27 February 1747/8, and Sarah, again, born 17 July 1749.[8] Before moving to Providence, they must have had three children, Benjamin, Josiah and Nathaniel, who were born and baptized earlier, as is proved by several land transactions recorded in Rhode Island records. [See below.] One more child, Rebecca, was born after the three who were recorded in Providence, as documented by a Bible record found in the New York State Library in Albany, N.Y.

Benjamin and Rebecca Brown were still living in Providence in 1752 when Benjamin Brown deeded land to his brother, David Brown. In 1757 Benjamin Brown was called "of Exeter" when he and Rebecca deeded land to [their son,] Benjamin Brown of Cranston, R.I., who would have been eighteen years of age. They were called "of Warwick, R.I." when they sold other land in Cranston the same year.[9]

Benjamin Brown, called "Senior," yeoman, was living in Cranston, R.I., in 1766 when he bought land in Exeter, R.I., for £2500 from Michael and Mary Dawley of Exeter. The land was bounded by the land of William Hyames, Spink Hyames, Joseph Phillips, John Williams, Samuel Barnes and the heirs of Zebulon Barber.[10] On 20 September 1768, Benjamin Brown, yeoman, of Exeter, and his wife, Rebecca, sold seven and one-half acres of land for £300 to [their son,] Nathaniel Brown of Exeter, blacksmith. This land was bounded on the east by Benjamin's own land.[11] On 17 April 1769, Benjamin and Rebecah Brown of Exeter sold to [their son] John Brown of Exeter, laborer, for "fifteen good Silver Spanish Milled Dollars" a lot of land in Exeter. Witnesses were Newman Jenkins and Nathaniel Brown. This was recorded 20 June 1769.[12]

On 8 January 1769, son Nathaniel Brown of Exeter, blacksmith, bought 40 acres of land in West Greenwich, R.I., from Timothy Carpenter of West Greenwich, for £1800, to be near his wife's relatives. This deed was

witnessed by Philip Greene and Mary Sweet. It was received by the court 19 April 1769 and recorded 28 April 1769.[13]

On 24 July 1771, son John Brown of Exeter, yeoman, and Robah, his wife, sold to Spink Hiames of Exeter, for "Eighteen Silver Spanish Milld Dollars" a lot of land in Exeter containing "three acres and ahalf" (*sic*). This deed was witnessed by William Sweet and John's mother, Rebecah Brown, and was recorded 14 August 1771.[14]

Rebecca's husband, Benjamin Brown, was called "of Exeter" in 1774 when he released the rights to his share in the estate of his mother, Mary Brown, which was in the possession of his widowed sister, Lydia Barton of Warren, R.I.[15]

On 25 April 1774 Benjamin Brown of Exeter, with Rebeckah, his wife, "for and in consideration of the Love and Goodwill I have and do bare (*sic*) to My Loving Son Josiah Brown, husbandman," gave Josiah one-half of his homestead farm which he had purchased from Michael Dawley. This was signed and sealed in the presence of John Tillinghast "ye 3d" and Benjamin Tillinghast. It was accepted and recorded 28 June 1774 by Newman Perkins, Justice of the Peace.[16] Josiah, "for love and good will and affection," deeded 40 acres of land back to his father on 25 January 1775. This was signed and sealed by Josiah Brown and his wife Ann (*sic*) Brown and witnessed by Spink Hiames and Robert Crandall. It was recorded 7 March 1775.[17] On 25 January 1775 David Lillibridge of Exeter for £450 paid by Benjamin Brown, Junr., of Exeter, yeoman, sold "a certain farm situated in the Town of Exeter . . . 25 acres more or less." This was signed by David and Miriam Lillibridge and recorded 25 May 1777.[18]

On 20 January 1775 Nathaniel Brown of West Greenwich, yeoman, and his wife, Rhoda Brown, sold land to Elisha Green, which was recorded 12 April 1775. The next day Nathaniel sold two lots of land in West Greenwich to [his brother] Josiah Brown of Exeter, yeoman. Witnesses were Philip Greene and Caleb Greene. It was recorded 13 April 1775.[19] Caleb Greene was Nathaniel and Josiah Brown's brother-in-law, the husband of their sister, Sarah Brown, who had married in Exeter, 16 April 1769, Caleb Greene of West Greenwich.[20] Nathaniel and Rhoda Brown were living in East Hoosick, N.Y., in 1775.[21] They returned to Rhode Island where they purchased a farm in Scituate.[22]

On 2 March 1778 Benjamin Brown of Exeter and his wife, Rebeckah Brown, sold to Benjamin Greene of Exeter 70 acres of land, being part of the farm where Benjamin Brown was then living. David Lillibridge and Joseph Greene witnessed the deed, which was accepted 7 March 1778 and recorded 27 March 1778.[23] It was after this date that Benjamin and Rebecca Brown moved to Albany County, New York, settling in the area that is now in Rensselaer County, as is shown by a deed dated 16 October

1782, in which Benjamin Brown "of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation, now residing in Little Hoosick, County of Albany and State of New York," and Rebecca his wife, sold to Benjamin Greene of Little Hoosick, Albany County, New York, "for Two Hundreds Lawful Money," one lot of land in Exeter, Rhode Island, containing 20 acres. Witnesses were Joseph Greene and David Greene. Benjamin Brown's wife, Rebekah Brown, surrendered her right of dower. This was accepted in Exeter 2 December 1782 and recorded 3 February 1783.[24]

According to the "Brown-Tifft-Denison" Bible record deposited by the DAR in the New York State Library in Albany, Benjamin and Rebecca died in Stephentown, N.Y. Tombstones for Benjamin and Rebecca Brown were erected in Konk Kill, below the Matteson Hollow Cemetery, Town of Berlin, Rensselaer County, New York, but have recently disappeared.[25]

It is hoped that more records will be found to document this difficult family.

Children (**Brown**), first three mentioned in land records, fourth, fifth and sixth recorded in the Register of King's Church, Providence, R.I., seventh in Bible record in the New York State Library, Albany, N.Y.:[26]

i. **Benjamin**^{6}, born about 1739, married **Barbara Carpenter.**[27]
ii. **Josiah**, born about 1741, called "son" when deeded land by his parents, 25 April 1774, married **Amey Stone.**[28]
iii. **Nathaniel**, born about 1743, married **Rhoda Green.**[29]
iv. **John**, born 27 December 1745, married **Rhoba/Robety Bailey** (*sic*).[30]
v. **Sarah**, born 27 December 1747, died 27 February 1747/8.
vi. **Sarah**, born 17 July 1749, married in Exeter, R.I., 16 April 1769 **Caleb Greene** of West Greenwich, R.I.[31]
vii. **Rebecca**, born about 1756, probably in Exeter, R.I., married in 1774 **George Tift/Tefft** of Exeter. Rebecca died in Stephentown, N.Y., 17 May 1813, in her 57th year and was buried in the Jones-Denison Cemetery, Berlin, N.Y. Her death as Rebecca Brown Tifft is recorded in a DAR Bible Record with the deaths of her parents, Benjamin and Rebecca Brown.[32]

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307. **Samuel Gorham**[5] (*Josiah*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 3 January 1722/3,[1] the son of Josiah and Priscilla (Sears) Gorham. He died in Yarmouth 12 May 1789, aged 66 years, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery there.[2]

Samuel married in Yarmouth 30 April 1747 **Abigail Hallett**[6],[3] who was born in Yarmouth 15 June 1727,[4] the daughter of Joseph Hallett and his wife, Abigail Thacher[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Abigail died in Yarmouth 15 April 1790, aged 62 years, and was buried there in the Ancient Cemetery.[5] [See #150:iii, page 227.] Abigail's sister, Hannah Hallett, married Samuel's brother, Josiah Gorham.

Samuel Gorham, a cordwainer, was the sole executor of the will of his father, Josiah Gorham, in 1772.[6] Samuel himself died intestate. On 20 May 1789, the court appointed his son, Isaac Gorham, to be the administrator of Samuel's estate.[7] On the same day, acting on a petition signed by the Gorham children and family friends, the court declared Samuel's widow, Abigail Gorham, non compos mentis. The petition was signed by Isaac Gorham, Priscilla Taylor, David Thacher, Stephen Hallet, Peter Thacher and Nathan Bassett.[8] On 15 June 1789, Stephen Hallet, James Hawes and Thomas Thacher were appointed to take the inventory of the estate of Samuel's widow, Abigail, which amounted to £106-11-0. The inventory was presented to the court by Isaac Gorham, guardian of his mother, Abigail Gorham.[9] On 5 November 1789, James Hawes, Ebenezer Howes and Thomas Thacher were appointed to take Samuel Gorham's inventory which included a piece of woodland valued at £4-10-0 and a personal estate of £22-2-0. On the same day, the court ordered that Abigail's dower thirds be set off to her.[10] On 9 March 1790, Samuel's estate was declared to be insolvent and creditors were paid one halfpenny for each pound of debt.[11]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[12]

i. **Joseph**[6-7], born 9 June 1748, died 26 July 1751, aged 5 years.

ii. **Priscilla**, born 5 March 1749/50.
iii. **Isaac**, born 30 April 1752 [written over 1754].
iv. **Joseph**, born 11 August 1754 [written over 1752].
v. **Rolan**, born 10 June 1757.
vi. **Abigail**, born 4 March 1760.
vii. **Samuel**, born 20 August 1764.

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308. **Isaac Gorham**[5] (*Josiah*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 28 February 1724/5,[1] the son of Josiah and Priscilla (Sears) Gorham. He died there 30 July 1747.[2]

Isaac married in Yarmouth 11 September 1746 (intentions 22 March 1745 [1745/6]) **Sarah/Sally Smith** "of Barnstable,"[3] who was born in Barnstable, Mass., 22 January 1727/8, the daughter of Joseph Smith, Jr., and his second wife, Sarah Bodfish.[4] Sarah died in Yarmouth 28 January 1809.[5] She was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller.

Isaac Gorham died less than a year after his marriage, and many years before his father, Josiah Gorham. Neither he nor his wife were mentioned by his father in his will dated 17 January 1772, probated 15 April 1775.[6] No probate records have been found for either Isaac or his wife, Sarah, and no children were recorded in Yarmouth records.

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309. **Josiah Gorham**[5] (*Josiah*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 14 April 1730, the son of Josiah and Priscilla (Sears) Gorham.[1] He died before 14 May 1763, the date of his widow's second marriage.[2]

Josiah Gorham married in Barnstable, Mass., 9 October 1755 **Hannah Hallett**[6],[3] who was born in Yarmouth 28 October 1729,[4] the daughter of Joseph Hallett and his wife, Abigail Thacher[5] (*Desire Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Hannah married second, in Yarmouth, 9 June 1763 (intentions 14 May 1763) Thomas Allyn.[4] [See

#150:iv, page 227.] Hannah Hallett was a sister of Abigail Hallett who married Josiah's brother, Samuel Gorham.

Josiah died before his father, without leaving probate records. Neither he nor his wife were mentioned in the will of his father, Josiah Gorham, dated 17 January 1772.[6] Apparently there were no children.

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310. **Hezekiah Gorham**[5] (*Josiah*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 14 September 1732,[1] the son of Josiah and Priscilla (Sears) Gorham. He died in Yarmouth in April 1794, in his 63rd year.[2]

Hezekiah Gorham married in Yarmouth 15 March 1759 (intentions 18 January 1759) **Abigail Sturgis**[6],[3] who was born in Yarmouth 7 January 1739,[4] the daughter of Edward Sturgis[5] (*Edward*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Thankful Hedge. Abigail died some time after 1780, the year her last child was born.[5] [See #162:v, page 238.]

This family must have lived in New Haven, Conn., sometime between 1766 and 1771 because the birth of their fifth child, Elizabeth, was recorded there in 1768.[6] All of their children born before and after Elizabeth were recorded in Yarmouth records, but not Elizabeth.

Abigail was called "Abigail Gorham" in the will of her father, Edward Sturgis, dated 17 April 1762, probated 9 February 1773.[7] Her husband, Hezekiah, was mentioned by his father, Josiah Gorham, in his will dated 17 January 1772 and probated 15 April 1775.[8]

In the U.S. Census of 1790 for Massachusetts, Hezekiah Gorham was listed as the head of a family in Yarmouth consisting of one male over 16, two males under 16, and four females.[9]

No probate records were found for either Hezekiah or Abigail Gorham in Barnstable County.

Children (**Gorham**), all born in Yarmouth, Mass., except fifth child, recorded in New Haven, Conn.:[10]

i. **Thankful**[6-7], born 12 January 1760.
ii. **John**, born 8 August 1761.
iii. **Bethiah**, born 27 June 1763.
iv. **Abigail**, born 27 June 1766.
v. **Elizabeth**, born 18 January 1768.
vi. **Mary**, born 27 March 1771.
vii. **Desire**, born 21 August 1773.

viii. **Hezekiah**, born 5 August 1776.
ix. **Edward**, born 9 November 1780.

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311. **Stephen Gorham**[5] (*Josiah*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 29 July 1735,[1] a twin with his brother, John, both sons of Josiah and Priscilla (Sears) Gorham. He died in either Hardwick, Mass., or Lyndon, Vermont, 28 January 1806.[2]

Stephen Gorham married in Hardwick, Mass., 16 March 1758 **Sarah Freeman**,[3] who was born in Falmouth, Mass., 15 October 1737,[4] the daughter of John and Joanna (Rickett) Freeman, and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Elder William Brewster. Sarah died 27 March 1820.[5]

On 9 October 1759 Stephen Gorham of Hardwick, husbandman, bought 130 acres of land from Joseph Allen of Hardwick, for £66-13-4. The deed was acknowledged 17 May 1762 and recorded 27 February 1777.[6] In 1761, Stephen Gorham and his wife, Sarah, sold land in Hardwick for £36-18-8 to Benjamin Rogers. Their signatures were witnessed by Joseph Allen and Elisha Higgins on 17 May 1762. The deed was recorded 10 December 1774.[7] On 16 February 1773 Stephen Gorham, yeoman, bought from Peter Hall, cordwainer, about 65 acres in the northerly part of Hardwick for £100. The deed was signed 16 February 1773, witnessed 12 March 1773, and recorded 27 February 1777.[8] On 12 March 1777, Stephen Gorham, gentleman, bought from Hannah Willis, widow, and her son, Lemuel Willis, yeoman, for £50, five acres of land in Hardwick lately belonging to their husband and father, Mr. Benjamin Willis. The deed was recorded 25 March 1777.[9]

Stephen served in the French and Indian War in 1758 and 1762, and as a sergeant in a company of minutemen in the early days of the Revolutionary War, he marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775. He later served as an ensign and lieutenant in 1775, 1777 and 1778.[10]

Josiah Gorham, Stephen's father, mentioned him in his will dated 17 January 1772, probated 15 April 1775.[11] No probate records have been found for Stephen Gorham. The placement of the last two children in this family is based on letters of Josiah Gorham to his brother John, and by a letter from Mrs. Cynthia P. Hanley to her uncle Josiah Gorham.[12]

Children (**Gorham**), first ten recorded in Hardwick, Mass., last two from Bible records:[13]

i. **John**[6], born 4 January 1759.

ii. **Josiah**, born 12 June 1760.
iii. **Stephen**, born 19 July 1762.
iv. **Silas**, born 19 April 1764.
v. **Joseph**, born 13 February 1766.
vi. **David**, born 17 June 1768.
vii. **Challis**, born 23 February 1770.
viii. **Joanna**, born 6 June 1771.
ix. **Priscilla**, born 26 (——) 1773.
x. **Eli**, born Barre, Mass., 10 May 1775.
xi. **Barnabas**, born Lyndon, Vt., 18 September 1777.
xii. **Elnathan**, born 10 June 1778.

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312. **David Gorham**[5] (*Josiah*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 3 May 1738,[1] the son of Josiah and Priscilla (Sears) Gorham. He died there 2 May 1780.[2]

David Gorham married in Yarmouth 9 May 1765 (intentions 10 March 1765) **Rebecca Hamblin**,[3] who was born in Yarmouth 14 April 1740, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Matthews) Hamblin.[4] Rebecca married second, in Yarmouth 16 June 1782 Barnabas Hall,[5] by whom she had one daughter, Priscilla, who was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Rebecca died in Yarmouth 9 September 1815.[6]

David Gorham served in the French and Indian War in Newfoundland in 1762, and in the Revolutionary War in 1776.[7] His father, Josiah Gorham, mentioned him in his will dated 17 January 1772, probated 15 April 1775.[8]

Administration on the intestate estate of David Gorham of Yarmouth, yeoman, was granted to Josiah Thacher of Kingston, Mass., 27 March 1781.[9] On the same day, Joseph Griffith, Atherton Hall and William Matthews of Yarmouth were appointed to take the inventory which amounted to £139-1-2, with claims against the estate totaling £421-5-4, leaving the estate insolvent.[10] On 18 September 1781, Thomas Hedge, James Hawes and Atherton Hall were appointed to divide the real estate by setting off to the widow, Rebeckah Gorham, her one-third part.[11] Josiah Thacher, administrator, on 6 December 1781, reported a balance remaining of £7-14-5, after the widow's allowance of £30 for necessary support.[12] After the real estate had been sold, 10 January 1782, the judge

accepted Josiah Thacher's final report, 12 March 1782, which allowed creditors only five shillings on the pound.[13]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., first, second and fourth baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[14]

i. **Sarah**[5], born 15 June 1767, bapt. 31 December 1781.
ii. **Lot**, born 16 June 1769, bapt. 31 December 1781.
iii. **Elizabeth**, born 25 September 1773, died 25 October 1778, in her 6th year.
iv. **David**, born 3 November 1778, bapt. 31 Dec. 1781.

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21. The Grandchildren of Jabez Gorham[3]

313. **Edward Downs**[5] (*Elizabeth Gorham*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, R.I., which was then in Massachusetts, 22 June 1701,[1] the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Gorham) Downs. He died after 18 July 1754, the day he was mentioned in the settlement of the estate of his sister-in-law, Temperance Downs.[2]

Edward Downs married first, in 1728 **Mary Baxter**,[3] whose parentage has not been ascertained.

Edward married second, in Yarmouth, Mass., 30 November 1732 (intentions 26 April 1729) **Marcy Crowell**, who was born in Yarmouth in the middle of May 1702, the daughter of John and Hannah Crowell and the sister of Ephraim Crowell who married Rose Gorham[5] (*John*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]), and also the sister of Hannah Crowell who had four children by Thomas Baxter[4] (*Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Marcy died after 3 November 1739 when her youngest daughter was born.[6]

Edward Downs was mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Jabez Gorham, dated 16 March 1724/5, in the will of his step-father, Shubael Baxter, dated 15 December 1738, and in the will of his mother, Elizabeth (Gorham) (Downs) Baxter, dated 2 December 1741.[7]

On 18 July 1754 Edward Downs was paid £5-13-9 on the account of his sister-in-law, Temperance Downs.[8]

No probate records were found in Barnstable County for Edward Downs.

Children (**Downs**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., apparently all by his second wife, Marcy Crowell:[9]

i. **Jerusha**[6], born 4 August 1729, "the daughter of Marcy Crowell, singlewoman, which she saith is the daughter of Edward Downs."[10]
ii. **Bethiah**, born 8 June 1734.
iii. **Thomas**, born 27 October 1735.
iv. **Robert**, born 6 March 1736/7.
v. **Betty**, born 3 November 1739.

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25 (Elizabeth Baxter). 8. Ibid. 8:546 (Temperance Downs). 9. *Yarmouth VR* 1:71; all children, including Jerusha, listed here. 10. Ibid. 1:58; four large Xs were made through this entry.

314. **William Downs**[5] (*Elizabeth Gorham*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, R.I., then in Mass., 17 September 1703, the son of William and Elizabeth (Gorham) Downs. He died after November 1749, the date his youngest child was born.

William Downs married in Yarmouth, Mass., between 21 October 1725 and 10 June 1726 his cousin, **Elizabeth Baxter**[5-5], who was born in Yarmouth 2 January 1706/7, the daughter of John Baxter[4] (*Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife Desire Gorham[4] (*Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Elizabeth died after 20 November 1749, the date her youngest child was born.

[For the record of this family see #179, pages 256-57.]

315. **Samuel Downs**[5] (*Elizabeth Gorham*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, R.I., then in Mass., 2 October 1705, the son of William and Elizabeth (Gorham) Downs. He died in Barnstable, Mass., before 18 February 1748, the date his widow, Temperance, was appointed as the administratrix of his intestate estate.

Samuel Downs married, as her first husband, in Yarmouth, Mass., 25 February 1730/1 (intentions 25 October 1730) **Temperance Baxter**[5-5] (*John*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Joseph*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) who was born in Yarmouth, 14 August 1712, the daughter of John and Desire (Gorham) Baxter. Temperance married second, 30 December 1754 (intentions 13 December 1754) **Nathaniel Howes**. Temperance died in Harwich, Mass., before 5 November 1789, the date her son was appointed as the administrator of her estate.

[For the record of this family see #182, pages 259-60.]

316. **Thankful Baxter**[5-5] (*Elizabeth Gorham*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Shubael Baxter*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis*, *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 29 January 1711/2, the daughter of Shubael and Elizabeth (Gorham) (Downs) Baxter. Thankful died in Barnstable, Mass., 9 April 1786, as the widow of her third husband, Deacon John Hinckley, but typed records of the East Church of Barnstable call

her "Mrs. Lemuel (*sic*) Lombard." The name of her second husband was Capt. Samuel Lombard/Lumbert.

Thankful Baxter married first, in Yarmouth 11 February 1730/1 **Thomas Thacher**[4], who was born in Yarmouth 2 April 1705, the son of Col. John Thacher and his wife, Lydia Gorham[3] (*Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*). Thomas Thacher died near Annapolis, Nova Scotia, 20 December 1746, while on the Louisbourg expedition during King George's War.

[For the complete record of Thankful Baxter, her husbands and her children, see #77, pages 136-38, where this family appears with her first husband, the father of her children.]

317. **Richard Baxter**[5-5] (*Elizabeth Gorham[4], Jabez[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) (*Shubael Baxter[4], Temperance [Gorham[3]] Sturgis, Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 6 July 1713, the son of Shubael and Elizabeth (Gorham) (Downs) Baxter. He died in Yarmouth, Mass., before 10 November 1783, the date his will was probated.

Richard Baxter married first, in Yarmouth 11 April 1734 his cousin, **Jane/Jeney Baxter**, who was born in Yarmouth 5 November 1710, the daughter of John Baxter[4] (*Temperance [Gorham[3]] Sturgis, Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) and his wife, Desire Gorham[4] (*Joseph[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*). Jane died in Yarmouth 26 February 1768.

Richard Baxter married second, in Yarmouth 21 October 1775 Mrs. **Mary Coffin** of Nantucket.

[For the record of this family see #181, pages 258-59.]

318. **Hannah Gorham**[5] (*Jabez[4-3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) was baptized at Christ Church, Bristol, R.I., then in Mass,, 27 October 1717,[1] with her mother and three other children. Hannah was the daughter of Jabez and Leah (Littlefield) Gorham. She died in Swansea, Mass., 21 July 1802, at 85 years of age.[2]

Hannah Gorham "of Bristol" married as his second wife, in Bristol 30 May 1737 (intentions 13 May 1737) **John Kinnicutt**[3] of Swansea, who was born in Swansea 23 June 1700,[4] the son of John and Elizabeth (Luther) Kinnicutt. John Kinnicutt died in Warren, R.I., between 9 August 1782, the date of his will, and 7 April 1783, the date his will was probated.[5] John Kinnicutt had married first, in Swansea 3 February 1725 Anna Eddy who died in Bristol 8 September 1735,[6] and by whom he had Elizabeth, John, Abigail, Anne and Daniel Kinnicutt,[7] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

On 27 December 1735, in a deed recorded 25 January 1739, John Kinnicut (*sic*), cordwainer, of Swansea, bought several house lots from his brothers and sisters when the estate of their father, John Kinnicut, Sr., was settled.[8]

On 19 February 1739/40 Hannah's father, Jabez Gorham of Bristol, yeoman, deeded to John Kinnicutt for £230, one house lot of land in Bristol containing one acre, and also a triangular piece extending to the ship's channel. Witnesses were John Child and John Jenkins.[9]

On 10 February 1746/7, a part of Swansea and Barrington, with a small part of Rehoboth, became Warren. At a town meeting of Warren, John Kinnicutt and others became freemen of Warren. John served as Town Clerk and was named a Deputy in 1761.[10]

On 19 February 1779, in a deed recorded 12 July 1784, John Kinnicutt, Esq., of Warren, and his wife Hannah, deeded land to Hezekiah Kinnicutt of Barrington, R.I., cordwainer.[11] On 18 March 1779, recorded 9 July 1790, John and Hannah deeded land to Shubael Kinnicutt of Swansea, tanner.[12]

In his will dated 9 August 1782, probated 7 April 1783, John Kinnicutt of Warren, R.I., mentioned his wife, Hannah Kinnicutt, whom he named sole executrix. She was directed to maintain Constant Jones "one half of her time," to carry out an agreement dated 22 December 1771, in which the Town of Warren had paid John 180 Spanish milled dollars to care for widow Constant Jones for the rest of her life.[13] Son Edward was also directed to maintain Constant Jones "one half of her time," and during her life, after Hannah Kinnicutt's death. John listed his beloved sons, John, Daniel, Shubael, Hezekiah and Edward. John named his daughters, Abigail Harding, wife of Richard Harding, Anne Brown, wife of Jarvis Brown, Hannah Richmond, wife of John Roger Richmond, Rebeccah Smith, wife of Joseph Smith, Betty Chafe, wife of Paul Chafe, and Sarah Kinnicutt, unmarried. He mentioned the children of his deceased daughter, Elizabeth Low, and his grandson, Joseph Adams. The inventory, dated 2 June 1783, amounted to £89.[14] Of these heirs, only Shubael, Hezekiah, Edward, Hannah, Rebecca, Betty and Sarah were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Children (**Kinnicutt**). first five born in Swansea, Mass., all recorded in Warren, R.I.:[15]

i. **Shubael**[6], born 28 March 1738.
ii. **Hannah**, born 28 February 1739/40.
iii. **Lydia**, born 17 January 1741/2; not mentioned in father's will.
iv. **Hezekiah**, born 24 March 1743/4.
v. **Rebecca**, born 20 January 1745/6.
vi. **Betty**, born 4 March 1748.

vii. **Sarah**, born 15 April 1751.
viii. **Thomas**, born 20 May 1753, died in Bristol 18 February 1766.
ix. **Edward**, born 7 April 1755, died in Warren 29 April 1759.
x. **Edward**, 2nd, born 25 April 1759.

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319. **Mary Gorham**[5] (*Jabez*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized at Christ Church, Bristol, R.I., then in Mass., 10 October 1721,[1] the daughter of Jabez and Leah (Littlefield) Gorham. Mary died some time after the birth of her third child, 20 August 1762.[2]

Mary Gorham married first, in Bristol 30 May 1738 (intentions 27 November 1738) **Samuel Osborne**[3] "of Newport," whose parentage has not been discovered.

Mary was called "Widow Mary Osbun" when she married second, in South Kingstown, R.I., 12 May 1755 **Silas Harris**,[4] who was born in New London, Conn., 3 June 1730 [or 3 January 1730/1],[5] the son of Samuel Harris and his second wife, Dinah Wilcox. Silas Harris died after 27 February 1770[6] when he is known to have sold property in Canterbury, Conn.

In Canterbury, 8 September 1757, Paul Harris, Mary's husband's brother, sold land to Mary's brother, Nathan Gorham. On 9 February 1759, Job Harris, another brother of Silas Harris, also sold land to Nathan Gorham. On 2 March 1759, Silas Harris himself sold land to Nathan Gorham. On 8 May 1765, Silas Harris sold land to his wife's unmarried sister, Deborah Gorham.[7] On 27 February 1770, in the last of several transactions, Silas Harris sold three acres and a dwelling house to Josiah Morse.[8]

Nothing more has been found in Canterbury for this Harris family. They may have gone to Montgomery or Norwich in Hampshire County, Mass., with Nathan Gorham's sons, Joseph and George Gorham.

Children (**Harris**), born in South Kingstown, R.I. and in Canterbury, Conn., all by her second husband, Silas Harris:[9]

i. **Leah**[6], born in South Kingstown, 2 September 1756, recorded in Canterbury.
ii. **Henry**, born 27 September 1759.
iii. **Silas Gapson**, born 20 August 1762.

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320. **Nathan Gorham**[5] (*Jabez*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, R.I., then in Mass., 8 January 1725/6, and baptized in Christ Church 30 January 1725/6,[1] the son of Jabez and Leah (Littlefield) Gorham. He probably died before 1 January 1778, the date on which his sons began selling land they had apparently inherited from their father.[2]

Nathan Gorham married in South Kingstown, R.I., 14 May 1751 **Susannah Kelly,**[3] whose parentage has not been ascertained. Susannah was probably the the person who died in Canterbury, Conn., 17 February 1776 who was called "wife of ____ Gorum".[4]

After living in South Kingstown, R.I. and Groton, Conn., Nathan and Susannah Gorham settled in Canterbury where the births of their children were recorded. Two of Nathan's sisters, Mary (Gorham) (Osburn) Harris and Deborah Gorham, unmarried, also settled in Canterbury. Nathan served in the French and Indian War in 1758 and 1760. Starting 8 September 1757 Nathan Gorham began buying land from the brothers of his brother-in-law, Silas Harris, the husband of his sister, Mary. Nathan's last transaction in Canterbury was dated 12 July 1768 when he sold land to William Grosvenor.[5] No further record has been found for him.

On 14 March 1774, Nathan's son, Joseph Gorham, sold three acres of land to Nathan's spinster sister, Deborah Gorham.[6] On 1 January 1778, Nathan's son, Joseph Gorham and his wife, Sarah, sold ten acres to Lemuel Parrish.[7] On 6 December 1780, Joseph and George Gorham, called "of Norwich, in the County of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts," sold land to Zachariah Waldo,[8] and Ephraim and Sarah Gorham, called "of Canterbury, County of Windham, State of Connecticut," sold land to widow Eunice Staples.[9] On 5 February 1781, Ephraim Gorham of Canterbury, and Joseph and George Gorham "of Montgomery, in the County of Hampshire in the State (*sic*) of Massachusetts," sold land to John Brown of Canterbury.[10] This would seem to indicate that both Nathan Gorham and his wife, Susannah, had died before 1 January 1778, or perhaps even as early as 14 March 1774, when their sons began selling land they had apparently inherited from their father.

No probate records have been found for either Nathan Gorham or his wife, Susannah.

Children (**Gorham**), recorded in Canterbury, Conn.:[11]

i. **Joseph**[6], born 28 September 1751.

ii. **Ephraim**, born 31 March 1753; served in the Revolutionary War.
iii. **Nathan**, born 10 September 1757, died in the Revolutionary War before 12 October 1776.
iv. **George**, born 19 July 1759.
v. **Jabez**, born 19 May 1765.

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321. **Isaac Gorham**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, R.I., 28 May 1712/3, and baptized 10 July 1715,[1] the son of Isaac Gorham and his first wife, Mary. He died there 1 December 1760, at 50 years of age.[2]

Isaac Gorham married in Bristol 19 October 1742 (intentions 27 September 1742) **Jemima Potter**,[3] who was born about 1718,[4] the daughter of Hopestill and Lydia (Hubbard) Potter. She died in Bristol 10 October 1806, as a widow, at 88 years of age.[5]

Isaac's mother died when he was only three years of age. His father married again shortly and moved to New Haven, Conn., the home of his new wife's family. Young Isaac may have remained in Bristol and been reared by his mother's family, for there is nothing to indicate that he ever lived in Connecticut. After his father's death, intestate, in New Haven before March 1739/40, Isaac's share of the estate was "the Samson house, so-called," in New Haven, which he accepted as his full share, 26 November 1745.[6]

Isaac and Jemima Gorham lived in Bristol Neck, now called Warren, R.I. No probate records have been found for Isaac Gorham in Warren or in Bristol. Widow Jemima Gorham, in her will dated 13 May 1806, probated 4 November 1806, gave her daughter Alithea (*sic*) Richmond of Bristol, widow, $3,000 "and such part of a house as she shall wish." Jemima gave $1,000 to her "son (*sic*) Lemuel Clark of Bristol, yeoman." She gave $2,000 to her granddaughter Hannah Smith, wife of William C. Smith, and $3,000 to her grandson, William Richmond of Bristol. She directed that her grandson Joseph [C.] Wood, Jr., of Bristol, [son of her daughter Hannah, deceased] was to be given $4,000 when he became 21 years of age, but if Joseph died earlier without lawful heirs, that money would go to her other grandchildren named Hannah Smith, William Richmond and Lemuel [Clark] Richmond. Joseph Wood, Jr., was also given her "small silver hunah ladle." She gave Sally Gorham, widow of her son, Isaac Gorham, deceased, $1,000 during her life, and after her

death it was to be divided equally among her surviving children, except William and Amos T. Gorham, who were given $500 in cash. Jemima gave her grandchildren, the "descendants of Stephen Smith and his wife, my daughter," [Mary], $1,000 to be divided into eight parts between Hannah Drury, wife of Dr. Drury, widow Mary Fales, widow Susan Spaulding, widow Sally Crossman, Harriet Smith, Samuel Smith, 2d, and Lydia D'Wolf, wife of Levi D'Wolf, and to the children of Elizabeth Peck, deceased, named as Mary [?], Nicholas, Jr., and John. The remainder was given to her grandson Lemuel C. Richmond, who was appointed sole executor. Witnesses were Josiah Smith, Gilbert Richmond and Joseph Smith, Jr. The inventory amounted to $10,927.79 and was accepted by the court 4 March 1807. The executor's account was allowed 4 December 1809.[7]

Since Jemima Potter used her maiden name when she married Isaac Gorham, the Lemuel Clark mentioned as her son in her will may have been a copying error on the part of the court clerk, for Jemima's grandson was named Lemuel Clark Richmond. On the other hand, Lemuel Clark may have been Jemima's illegitimate son, born about five years before her marriage to Isaac Gorham. There was a Lemuel Clark who was a vestryman of St. Michael's Church and a Justice of the Peace for Bristol from May 1789 to 1791. This Lemuel Clark, whose parentage has never been established, made his will, dated 1 January 1817 and proved 1 May 1817, in which he gave $500.00 to Joseph Clark Wood, son of Jemima's son-in-law and daughter, Joseph and Hannah (Gorham) Wood. Lemuel Clark bequeathed the remainder of his estate to another of Jemima's grandsons, Lemuel Clark Richmond, whom he named as his executor. Lemuel Clark also mentioned his "supposed wife, Elizabeth," and his Negro Woman Sarah. Since Lemuel Clark was born before Jemima's marriage to Isaac Gorham, Lemuel would not have been a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland, even if he should prove to have been Jemima's illegitimate son.[8]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Bristol, R.I., baptized in St. Michael's Church:[9]

i. **Mary**[6], born 28 July 1743, bapt. 7 August 1743.
ii. **Hannah**, born 25 September 1745, bapt. 17 March 1748/9.
iii. **Isaac**, bapt. 17 March 1748/9.
iv. **Althea**, bapt. 24 May 1752.
v. **Lydia**, bapt. 9 May 1759, buried in St. Michael's Churchyard, 12 May 1759.
vi. **William**, bapt. 9 December 1759, perished in a shipwreck at the Vineyard, 26 December 1778.[10]

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322. **John Gorham**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in New Haven, Conn., 10 July 1720,[1] the son of Isaac Gorham and his second wife, Hannah Miles. John died in New Haven before 18 July 1768, the date his intestate estate was probated.[2]

John Gorham married in New Haven 25 December 1745 **Lydia Dorman,**[3] who was born in New Haven 12 March 1726/7,[4] the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Tuttle) Dorman, Jr. After John Gorham's death, widow Lydia married, as his third wife, Caleb Hitchcock, who had married, first, Isabel Goodsell, and second, Sarah Hotchkiss, widow of Thomas Shepard.[5] Lydia died in New Haven 9 January 1782, at 55 years of age.[6]

John Gorham's father, Isaac Gorham, died intestate before 3 March 1739/40, the date John chose his maternal grandfather, Lt. Richard Miles, as his guardian. When his father's estate was settled, 14 December 1745, John received a right in his father's wharf and a right in the house and home lot.[7]

On 18 July 1768, Lydia Gorham, widow of John Gorham, was appointed as the administratrix of her husband's estate. Lydia Gorham, as principal and Samuel Dorman [her brother] as surety, both of New Haven, gave bond of £100.[8] In the same month, the administratrix represented the estate as insolvent. On 5 September 1768, the court appointed John Lothrop and Hezekiah Tuttle as commissioners and appraisers of the estate and allowed six months for creditors to present their claims.[9] In April 1769, the commissioners reported that debts amounted to £48-7-11½. The widow had been allowed £12-11-0 for "necessaries," and the inventory, amounting to £17-19-2¼, included branding irons and saws, iron hoops and wooden horses, indicating that John Gorham may have been a chandler or ship's carpenter. Claims against the estate were brought in by Mr. James Sherman, Mr. Jeremiah Townsend, Dr. S. Hubbard, Thomas Darling, Esq., Mr. Timothy Jones, Jr., Mr. Jabez Munson, Sr., Mr. John Hotchkiss, Stephen Munson, John Lothrop, Obadiah Hotchkiss, Isaac Jones, Mr. Timothy Jones, son, and Jonathan Osborn.[10]

In September 1768, Lydia Gorham was named as guardian for her minor son, John, posting bond of £50. On the same date, John Lothrop of New Haven was appointed as the guardian of her son Samuel, also posting bond of £50.[11] On 23 September 1774, Lydia's eldest son, Isaac Gorham, was named as guardian of his younger brother, Jonah.[12]

Children (**Gorham**), born and baptized in New Haven, Conn.:[13]

i. **Isaac**[6], born 3 August 1746, bapt. 4 October 1747.
ii. **Stephen**, born 1 February 1747/8.
iii. **Hannah**, born 25 July 1750, died young.
iv. **John**, born 1 July 1752, bapt. 12 July 1752.
v. **Samuel**, bapt. 2 June 1754.
vi. **Miles**, bapt. 5 September 1756.
vii. **Jonah**, bapt. 16 September 1759.
viii. **Hannah**, bapt. 16 August 1761.
ix. **Elias**, bapt. 31 March 1765.
x. **Sarah**, bapt. 23 August 1767.

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323. **Mary Gorham**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in New Haven, Conn., 10 October 1721,[1] the daughter of Isaac Gorham and his second wife, Hannah Miles. She died in New Haven 1 April 1773 and was buried there 2 April 1773.[2]

Mary married in New Haven 12 February 1746/7 **William Punchard**, [Jr.],[3] who was born in New Haven 29 October 1719,[4] the son of William Punchard and his second wife, Mehitabel Perkins. The date of William's death has not been found, but it was after 4 June 1764, the date of the division of the estate of his sister, Sarah (Punchard) Sabin.[5]

Mary's father, Isaac Gorham, died intestate. When his estate was distributed 14 December 1745, Mary inherited a right in her father's wharf and a right in the house and home lot.[6]

William Punchard's sister, Mary/Mable Punchard, married Mary Gorham's brother, Timothy Gorham. William Punchard was a member of the Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church in New Haven.[7]

The identity of William Punchard is proved by his father's probate records for, in May 1764, his brother-in-law, Timothy Gorham, guardian of his daughter, Mable Gorham, a minor "daughter of Mable Gorham, late of said New Haven, deceased, which said deceased was Mable Punchard, daughter of Wm Punchard, late of said New Haven," presented a petition to the court in which he stated that a piece of land on Ox Hill, so-called of 4½ acres and 13 rods had been omitted in the division of the estate of

William Punchard, [Sr.]. Timothy listed the other heirs as William Punchard, [Jr.], of New Haven, Abigail, wife of Capt. Daniel Bradley, Hannah, wife of Enos Pardee, Jr., and the legal representatives of Sarah Sabin, deceased, "who was Sarah Punchard." Timothy Gorham stated that the land should be divided according to law with William Punchard given a double share. In a second petition he stated that he was the guardian of "Mabel (*sic*) Gorham, minor daughter of Mabel Gorham, late of said New Haven, which said Mable (*sic*), deceased, was *Mary* Punchard." He stated that Sarah Sabin was childless and had died, having a right in three pieces of land that belonged to the heirs of William Punchard, [Sr]. The petition stated that "William Punchard being the only brother of the whole blood, and the minor [Mehitabel/Mable Gorham] the only sister's daughter of the whole blood to the said Sarah, deceased, [they] are the only heirs to the said estate."[8]

On 4 June 1764, the court approved the division of the estate of Mrs. Sarah Sabin, deceased, wife of Mr. Charles Sabin, the first share going to William Punchard and the second to Mable Gorham, daughter of Timothy Gorham. The division was made by Samuel Bishop and Thomas Wilmot.[9]

No probate records have been found for this William Punchard. It has been said that he died after 1794, but since his son, also named William, died around 1783, leaving a widow and four children, he would have been the logical person to have administered on his son's estate, if he had been living. Instead, in 1794, his daughter-in-law's second husband, Charles Prindle, was named administrator. Therefore the date of death of Mary (Gorham) Punchard's husband remains unknown.

Children (**Punchard**), born and baptized in New Haven, Conn., recorded in St. James's Church, Derby, Conn.:[10]

i. **Mary**[6], born 10 May 1749, bapt. 18 February 1749/50.
ii. **William**, bapt. in May 1752.

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324. **Timothy Gorham**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in New Haven, Conn., 13 November 1723,[1] the son of Isaac Gorham and his second wife, Hannah Miles. He died in New Haven 17 January 1768.[2]

Timothy Gorham married first, in New Haven, 12 March 1746/7 **Mary/-Mable Punchard**[3], who was born in New Haven 23 March 1721/2,[4] the daughter of William Punchard and his second wife, Mehitabel Perkins. Mary died in New Haven before 8 February 1748.[5] She was a sister of William Punchard who married Timothy's sister, Mary Gorham.

Timothy Gorham married second, in New Haven 4 January 1749/50 **Sarah Brown**,[6] who was born in New Haven 3 February 1725/6, and baptized 6 February 1725/6,[7] the daughter of Eleazer and Sarah (Rowe) Brown. Sarah died there 16 July 1778, at the age of 52 years.[8]

Timothy's father, Isaac Gorham, died intestate. On 3 March 1739/40 Timothy chose his maternal grandfather, Lt. Richard Miles, as his guardian. When his father's estate was distributed 14 December 1745, Timothy received a right in his father's wharf, a right in the house and home lot, and the salt meadow on the westerly side.[9]

In 1742, Timothy Gorham became a member of the First Church of New Haven. The next year he was dismissed to the White Haven Church. In 1749, Timothy's second wife, Sarah, was accepted as a member of the New Haven First Church.[10]

Timothy's first wife, Mary, was called "Mary Gorham, deceased," by her father, William Punchard, in his will dated 8 February 1748/9, in which he also mentioned Timothy and Mary's daughter, Mehitabel. Timothy Gorham, with Samuel Miles as surety, was made guardian of his minor daughter, Mehitabel Gorham, "daughter of Mary Gorham who was Mary Punchard, daughter of Capt. William Punchard, late of New Haven, deceased." This would indicate that Mehitabel Gorham inherited a sizable estate from her maternal grandfather, William Punchard. Sixteen years later, in May 1764, Timothy Gorham was called "guardian to Mabel (*sic*) Gorham, minor daughter of Mabel Gorham, deceased, which said Mable (*sic*) was Mary Punchard, daughter of William Punchard, deceased."[11]

In January 1768, the administration of Mr. Timothy Gorham's estate was given to his second wife, Sarah Gorham. Debts of the estate, filed in 1773, included an allowance to the widow for lying-in with her posthumous child.[12] When their eldest son, Richard Gorham, died in February 1775, administration of his estate, too, was given to Sarah.[13] After Sarah's death in 1778, the unfinished administration of her husband's estate was granted jointly to their son, Timothy Gorham, and son-in-law, Barnabas Mulford, husband of Timothy's eldest daughter, Mehitabel. On 19 April 1779, son Timothy Gorham gave bond as guardian of his younger brother, Eleazer.[14]

On 14 May 1779, the administrators proposed that the estate of Timothy Gorham be divided according to law. The court appointed as commissioners Messrs. Thomas Howell, James Sherman and Joseph Howell who, on 7 June 1779, divided the proceeds valued at £185 among Timothy's

seven children as follows: Richard Gorham, dec'd., two-eighths, (a double share as eldest son), Elisha Gorham, dec'd, one-eighth, and to each of the surviving sons and daughters, one-eighth, each eighth part being valued at £23-2-6. Also, the three sons of the second wife, Timothy, Joseph and Eleazer, and the daughter, Sarah, each inherited one-fourth of the estates of their deceased brothers of the full blood, Richard and Elisha Gorham. Daughter Mehitabel, "Barnabas Mulford's wife," the daughter of Timothy's first wife, did not share in her step-brothers' estates. The "Rules" [of Inheritance] "yielded" to Mehitabel one lot of land and some bog meadow valued at £23-2-6. [The use of the words *Rules* and *yield* apparently caused the author of the Gorham MS to conclude that an imaginary daughter named *Ruth*, had *yielded* her share in her father's estate to her step-sister, Mehitabel!].[15] Sons Timothy, Joseph and Elihu [sic, apparently an error for Eleazer], were given the house, barn and shop, as well as three-fourths of the three-eighths shares of their two deceased brothers, Richard and Elisha. Daughter Sarah Gorham was bequeathed some land and one-quarter of her brothers' three-eighths shares.[16]

The "possible" son, *Joshua*, listed in the Gorham MS erroneously as an administrator of the estate of his younger brother, Eleazer Gorham, was not mentioned in Timothy Gorham's probate records. Joshua's name is obviously a misreading of the name of *Joseph* Gorham who, with his deceased brother Eleazer's widow, Lourane or Lorain, gave bond on 11 June 1792 as a joint administrator of Eleazer's estate.[17]

Timothy and Sarah Gorham's eldest surviving son, Timothy, died in New Haven in 1823, leaving a widow, Mary, but no children. In his will dated 15 January 1822 and presented for probate 10 November 1823, Timothy gave his beloved wife, Mary, one-third part of his estate. After her marriage or death, two-sevenths of his estate was to be distributed to his beloved sister, Sarah, wife of Joel Baldwin of the State of New York; two-sevenths to the children of his brother, Eleazer Gorham, deceased; two-sevenths to the children of his brother, Joseph Gorham, deceased; and one-seventh to his half-sister, Mehitabel Mulford, wife of Barnabas Mulford, thus confirming the identity of the children of Timothy Gorham.[18]

Children (**Gorham**), born in New Haven, Conn.:[19]
By his first wife, Mary Punchard:

i. **Mehitabel/Mable**[6], born 21 December 1747.

By his second wife, Sarah Brown:

ii. **Richard**, born 13 January 1750/1, died young.
iii. **Richard**, bapt. 12 November 1752, died 10 November 1774, aged 22 years.
iv. **Timothy**, born 1 August 1754.

v. **Joseph**, bapt. 23 April 1758.
vi. **Elisha**, bapt. 1 September 1760, died young.
vii. **Eleazer**, bapt. 3 July 1763 (twin).
viii. **Sarah**, bapt. 3 July 1763 (twin).
ix. **Elisha**, born in 1768, posthumous, died 11 October 1772.

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325. **Hezekiah Gorham**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in New Haven, Conn., 25 December 1725, and baptized 26 December 1725,[1] the son of Isaac Gorham and his second wife, Hannah Miles. Hezekiah died in New Haven 11 May 1790, at 65 years of age.[2]

Hezekiah Gorham married in New Haven 19 January 1748/9 **Abigail Dickerman**,[3] who was born in New Haven 4 August 1728,[4] the daughter of Isaac and Mary (Atwater) Dickerman. Abigail died in New Haven 21 July 1798, at 70 years of age.[5]

Hezekiah's father, Isaac Gorham of New Haven, died intestate before March 1739/40, when Hezekiah chose his maternal grandfather, Lt. Richard Miles, as his guardian. In the division of his father's estate, 14 December 1745, Hezekiah was given a right in his father's wharf and a right in the house and homelot, as well as the warehouse and land adjoining it.[6]

Abigail was called "Abigail Gorham" in the will of her father, Isaac Dickerman of New Haven, dated 11 May 1756, in which her father gave Abigail and her sisters, Mary White and Rebecca Hubbard, land in Farmington and New Milford, and his household movables, to be divided among them. On 19 February 1759/60 Hezekiah Gorham and Abigail, his wife, gave their receipt for Abigail's share of her father's estate.[7]

There are many land transactions on record for Hezekiah and Abigail Gorham. On 1 May 1772, the *New Haven Journal* reported that Hezekiah Gorham offered for sale the house where he now lived near the Hay Market in New Haven.[8] Before Hezekiah died in 1790, he and his wife, Abigail, sold several pieces of property to Joseph Smith, Joshua Chandler, John White, Stephen Ford, David Osborn, and Jonathan Dickerman.

After Hezekiah's death, his widow, Abigail Gorham, sold land to Jeremiah Atwater.[9]

No probate records have been found in New Haven for either Hezekiah or Abigail Gorham.

Children (**Gorham**), born and baptized in New Haven, Conn.:[10]

i. **Abigail**[5], born 15 November 1750, bapt. 15 January 1764.
ii. **Mary**, born 24 April 1753, died 1 February 1754.
iii. **Mary**, born 28 February 1755, bapt. 15 January 1764.
iv. **Sarah**, born 27 November 1757, bapt. 15 January 1764.
v. **Rebecca**, born 19 January 1761, bapt. 15 January 1764.
vi. **Esther**, born 26 July 1764, bapt. 29 July 1764.
vii. **Elizabeth**, born 18 January 1768.

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326. **Elizabeth Gorham**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in New Haven, Conn., 21 January 1727/8,[1] the daughter of Isaac Gorham and his second wife, Hannah Miles. She died there 30 August 1807, at 80 years of age.[2]

Elizabeth Gorham married in New Haven 25 October 1749 **David Gilbert**,[3] who was born in New Haven 9 July 1725, baptized 16 June 1728,[4] the son of David and Experience (Perkins) Gilbert. David Gilbert died in New Haven 20 April 1807, at 82 years of age.[5]

Elizabeth's father, Isaac Gorham of New Haven, died when Elizabeth was a child. Her grandfather, Lt. Richard Miles, was appointed as her guardian, 3 March 1739/40. When her father's estate was distributed, 14 December 1745, Elizabeth was given a right in her father's wharf and a right in the house and homelot.[6]

David Gilbert, Elizabeth's husband, owned property in Hamden and in Oyster Point, Conn. In his will dated 10 July 1805, proved 4 May 1807, he gave his wife, Elizabeth, one-third of his estate in lieu of her dower, and a sum of money equal to the interest on the appraised value of his real estate holdings, to be paid annually by his three sons, Amos, Timothy and David, to whom he gave the property. He gave £200 to his daughter,

widow Experience Dwight, £100 to his daughter Rebecca, wife of Bishop Dodd, and £50 to his granddaughter Experience, wife of Amasa Dorman. [Experience was the daughter of David Gilbert's son, John.[7]] David Gilbert named his three sons, Amos, Timothy and David, as his executors. The witnesses were Isaac Thompson, Jn° Barker and Elisha Munson.[8]

David's son, Amos Gilbert, died before his father, as is shown by a codicil to his father's will, dated 27 December 1805, in which David Gilbert, [Sr.], gave the children of his son Amos, deceased, that portion of his estate to which their father would have been entitled. The witnesses were Isaac Thompson, Polly Dougal and Elisha Munson.[9]

The division of David Gilbert's estate was made 16 May 1808. While the amounts in the will were expressed in pounds, the values in the distribution were given in dollars. Son Timothy Gilbert was now dead, as well as son Amos Gilbert. The property set off to the heirs of Amos Gilbert, the heirs of Timothy Gilbert and to the surviving son, David Gilbert, amounted to $3,034.27¼ each. The distributors were Elisha Munson and William Baldwin. The subdivision of the portion set off to the heirs of Amos Gilbert was made to the widow, Elizabeth Ann Gilbert, to daughters Rebecca, wife of Jesse Mix, to Elizabeth Ann, wife of Eli Mix, to Frances Ann, wife of Birdsey Peck, and to sons Amos Alling Gilbert and Hezekiah Gilbert.[10]

Children (**Gilbert**), born in New Haven, Conn.:[11]

i. **Experience**[6], born 15 September 1750.
ii. **Amos**, born 12 June 1752.
iii. **Rebecca**, born 29 May 1754.
iv. **John**, born about 1757.
v. **Hezekiah**, born about 1761, died 10 October 1785; not mentioned in his father's will.
vi. **Timothy**, born 15 March 1763.
vii. **David**, born 7 February 1765.
viii. **Jabez**, born 15 September 1767, died 16 July 1769.

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327. **Hannah Gorham**[5] (*Isaac*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in New Haven, Conn., 5 May 1733,[1] the daughter of Isaac

Gorham and his second wife, Hannah Miles. She died in New Haven 1 October 1803, aged 71 years.[2]

Hannah Gorham married first, in New Haven 10 October 1753 **Leonard/Lennard Lewis,**[3] who was the brother of Samuel Lewis, Jr.,[4] but whose parentage has not been ascertained. Leonard Lewis died in New Haven before 1767.[5]

Hannah married second, as his second wife, in New Haven 19 July 1767 **Stephen Bradley,**[6] who was born in New Haven 24 May 1726,[7] the son of Daniel and Sarah (English) Bradley. Stephen Bradley had married first, in 1745, Anna Prichard by whom he had children named Stephen, Rebecca, Ann, Sarah and perhaps Polly Bradley,[8] not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Stephen Bradley died in New Haven between 21 April 1795, the date he made his will, and 21 March 1797, the date his will was probated.[9]

Hannah Gorham was the youngest surviving child of her father, Isaac Gorham of New Haven. Her grandfather, Lt. Richard Miles, was appointed as her guardian, 3 March 1739/40.[10] When her father's estate was settled 14 December 1745, Hannah was given a right in her father's wharf and a right in the house and home lot.[11]

On 29 October 1753, shortly after their marriage, Hannah and her first husband, Leonard Lewis, sold to Timothy Gorham, her brother, for £100 that part of the homestead lately belonging to Isaac Gorham, deceased, that had accrued to Hannah, child and heir of Isaac Gorham.[12] The identity of Leonard Lewis has not been ascertained. Donald Lines Jacobus, in *Ancient Families of New Haven*, suggested, erroneously, that Leonard Lewis might have been Lent, son of Barnabas and Elizabeth Lewis, possibly born in Wallingford, Conn., about 1722.[13] However, guardianship records show that, on 5 March 1745/6, Lent Lewis, minor son of Barnabas Lewis of Wallingford, deceased, chose Caleb Lewis, brother of Barnabas Lewis, deceased, as his guardian.[14] On 26 January 1736/7, Lent's three sisters, Lowly, Lucy and Loyis, also chose Caleb Lewis as their guardian, and then, on 7 March 1736/7 and on 21 April 1741, they chose Joseph Royce.[15] The known facts about our Leonard Lewis are that on 28 November 1750, he bought from his brother, Samuel Lewis, Jr., Lot #21 in Oystershell Field, New Haven, containing 81 rods, for £275.[16] On the same day, Leonard Lewis sold to John Hitchcock and Jonathan Mansfield the same Lot #21 for £272, accepting a mortgage in payment, to be paid in 86 ounces 2 pennyweight and 16 grains of sterling silver on or before 28 November 1755.[17] Since our Leonard Lewis, had a brother named Samuel Lewis, Jr., our Leonard could not have been the son of Barnabas and Elizabeth Lewis of Wallingford, who did not have a son named Samuel, Jr., even allowing for the possibility that Leonard's brother was the second man of that name in the area and therefore not

a "Junior" as we use the term today. Leonard Lewis *may* have been the son of a Samuel Lewis, but that remains to be proved.

Hannah's first husband, Leonard Lewis, died before 19 July 1767, the date on which Hannah married her second husband, Stephen Bradley. The probate records for Leonard Lewis are missing but, on 5 September 1774, Stephen Bradley gave his bond of £50 and was "elected guardian to Nehemiah Lewis, son of Leonard Lewis, late of New Haven, deceased."[18] Therefore it would appear that Nehemiah Lewis was born about 1760 and his mother, Hannah, had automatically been his guardian until he became 14 years of age, at which time he could choose his own guardian, confirmed by the court. Thus his step-father, Stephen Bradley, became his guardian, identifying the previously unknown Nehemiah Lewis as the only known surviving child of Leonard and Hannah (Gorham) Lewis.

In his will dated 21 April 1795, proved 21 March 1797, Stephen Bradley of New Haven, bequeathed to his beloved wife, Hannah, one-third part of his movable estate forever, plus the improvement of his house, the north part of his lot, and the use of the well during her natural life. He gave his children by his first wife, Stephen, Rebecca, Anne and Sarah, in addition to what he had "already done for them," the sum of six shillings each. He gave his son, Elisha, by his second wife, Hannah Gorham, the dwelling house and barn, and the northward end of the home lot, "which is the same given to my wife as above for her use, he to suffer his mother to use the same during her natural life." He gave his three daughters by his second wife, Betsey, Melliscy and Esther, the remainder of his lot divided between them. He named as his executors his son Elisha, (by his second wife), and his son-in-law, John Peck, (the husband of his daughter, Rebecca, by his first wife). Witnesses were Samuel Bishop, Jacob Pinto and Robert Fairchild.[19] The inventory of Stephen Bradley's estate was not recorded until about May 1800. It was taken by Samuel Darling and Robert Townsend and was valued at £239-5-6.[20]

Children born in New Haven, Conn.:[21]

Children (**Lewis**), by her first husband, Leonard Lewis:

i. **Betty/Betsey**^{6}, born 31 July 1754, died 20 August 1754.
ii. **Hannah**, born 7 February 1756, died young.
iii. **?Barnabas**, listed by Jacobus; no other record found.
iv. **Nehemiah**, born about 1760; chose his stepfather as his guardian in 1774, when he would have been old enough to chose his own guardian. His mother would have been his guardian while he was under 14 years of age.
v. **Hannah**, died 19 September 1764, aged 9 months.

Children (**Bradley**), by her second husband, Stephen Bradley:

v. **Betsey**, baptized 31 July 1768.

vi. **Melissa**, born about 1771.
vii. **Esther**, bapt. 20 September 1772.
viii. **Elisha**, bapt. 21 April 1776.

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328. **Jabez Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Fairfield, Conn., 22 March 1718/9,[1] the son of Joseph Gorham and his first wife, Abigail Lockwood. He died in Green's Farms, Fairfield, Conn., 26 February 1764, in his 46th year.[2]

Jabez Gorham married in Green's Farms, Fairfield, 27 November 1752 **Mary Couch**,[3] who was baptized in Fairfield, 15 November 1732,[4] the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Couch. Mary married second, 1 October 1766 David Couch, by whom she had five more children, Polly, Joseph, Benjamin, baptized in Green's Farms Church, 5 May 1771, and twins, David and Susannah, baptized 20 June 1773,[5] not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Mary died in Weston, Conn., 26 March 1822, "in her 90th year," and was buried at Green's Farms Church.[6]

Jabez and his family lived in the Green's Farms area of Fairfield. On 26 September 1748, Jabez Gorham purchased from his father, Joseph Gorham, for £600, the house and homestead of 28 acres that Joseph had recently purchased from Jarvis Rhodes.[7] On 20 May 1753 Jabez Gorham and Mary, his wife, renewed the covenant in Green's Farms Church, where their children were later baptized.[8]

On 1 April 1748 Jabez Gorham joined with his brothers, Joseph, Daniel and Ichabod, all of Fairfield, in selling for £800 to their brother, Lockwood Gorham, all of their right to an Indian claim lying in Fairfield, amounting to 14 acres, more or less.[9]

Jabez Gorham, in his will dated 28 December 1763, proved 27 March 1764, bequeathed to his loving wife, Mary, £66 "in consideration of the

land that I and my wife sold to Capt. Nash for the sum of £66." He also bequeathed to his wife one-third part of all of the remainder of his estate, "both legacies to be forever." The remaining two-thirds of the estate was to be used, as required, to bring up their children "till they are able to earn a living." Their names were not mentioned. Jabez appointed his wife as executrix. Witnesses were Shubael Gorham, Elizabeth Person and Joseph Couch. On 27 March 1764 Elizabeth Person and Joseph Couch declared they had seen Jabez Gorham sign and seal his will. On 27 April 1764, Joseph Couch and Shubael Gorham were appointed appraisers of the estate. On 6 February 1765, Mary certified to its accuracy.[10]

The names of the surviving children of Jabez and Mary Gorham are found in the probate records for the estate of Daniel Gorham, brother of Jabez, which was distributed by the court 5 November 1787, "to Martha, Abigail, Rachel, Jabez and Ellen Gorham, all heirs of Jabez Gorham."[11]

Children (**Gorham**), first three and last recorded in Fairfield records, first six baptized in Green's Farms Church, Fairfield, Conn.:[12]

i. **Martha**[6], born 13 August 1753, bapt. 19 August 1753; died 17 September 1788.[13]
ii. **Mary**, born 29 November 1754, bapt. 5 January 1755; died 28 June 1763.[14]
iii. **Lydia**, born 29 May 1756, bapt. 11 July 1756; not mentioned in the distribution of uncle Daniel Gorham's estate in 1787.[15]
iv. **Abigail**, bapt. 28 May 1758.
v. **Rachel**, bapt. 2 November 1760, died 15 June 1795.[16]
vi. **Jabez**, bapt. 23 May 1762.
vii. **Eleanor/Ellen**, born 7 February 1764, died 28 June 1789; called "Ellen" in distribution of Uncle Daniel Gorham's estate in 1787.[17]

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329. **Lockwood Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Fairfield, Conn., 1 January 1720/1, and baptized 15 January

1720/1,[1] the son of Joseph Gorham and his first wife Abigail Lockwood. He died in Fairfield before 10 February 1791.[2]

Lockwood Gorham married in Greenfield Hill, Fairfield, 21 September 1742 **Abigail Meeker**,[3] who was born in Fairfield 10 June 1725, and baptized there in Christ's Church, 13 June 1725,[4] the daughter of David Meeker and his second wife, Mary Burr. Abigail died in Greenfield Hill, 28 August 1777, "upwards of 40."[5]

Lockwood and Abigail Gorham renewed the covenant in Greenfield Hill Church, 10 October 1742.[6]

There are several deeds on record involving Lockwood Gorham in Fairfield. On 1 December 1747, Ebenezer Lord sold to Lockwood Gorham for £600 old tenor, 15 acres and 90 rods of land that formerly belonged to William Ward. On 1 April 1748, Joseph Gorham, Daniel Gorham, Jabez Gorham and Ichabod Gorham, all of Fairfield, sold to their brother, Lockwood Gorham, for £800 old tenor, all of their right to the Indian Claim lying in Fairfield, amounting to 14 acres, more or less. On 19 January 1749/50, Joseph Gorham of Fairfield sold to Lockwood Gorham for £138 old tenor a certain parcel of common and undivided land in Fairfield.[7]

At the time of the distribution of the estate of Abigail's father, David Meaker (*sic*), late of Fairfield, dated 24 April 1754, an agreement was made between Abigail's mother, widow Mary Meeker, and her children, who were named as Samuel Sanford and his wife, Sarah, Daniel Murwin and his wife, Mary, and Lockwood Gorham and his wife, Abigail.[8] When Abigail's mother died in 1763, Lockwood Gorham was named as the executor of her will.[9]

Lockwood Gorham died intestate. On 10 February 1791 Joseph Gorham, probably his son, was appointed as the administrator of the estate of Lockwood Gorham, late of Fairfield, deceased, and gave his bond. He was ordered by the court to advertise in a public newspaper in the town where the said deceased last lived, asking the creditors to exhibit their demands upon the estate within six months, or be forever disbarred.[10]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Fairfield, Conn., baptized in Greenfield Hill Church:[11]

i. **David**[6], born 1 January 1743/4, bapt. 22 January 1743/4.
ii. **Hannah**, born 27 September 1745, bapt. 29 September 1745.
iii. **Lockwood**, born 9 November 1747, bapt. 15 November 1747.
iv. **Elizabeth**, born 4 January 1749/50; not in church records.
v. **Daniel**, born 9 October 1752, bapt. in October 1752; probably the one whose death was recorded in Greenfield Hill Church 14 January 1777, "upwards of 20."[12]
vi. **Joseph**, born 18 June 1755; not in church records.

vii. **Meeker**, bapt. 19 February 1758.
viii. **Hezekiah**, bapt. 13 July 1760, "about ten days old."
ix. **Timothy**, bapt. 13 March 1763, 2 weeks old; died 20 February 1766, "three yrs. old wanting a week."
x. **Seth**, born 11 November 1765, bapt. 17 November 1765.
xi. **Abigail**, born 31 July 1768, bapt. 18 September 1768.

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330. **Ichabod Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born and baptized in Fairfield, Conn., 31 January 1724/5[1], the son of Joseph Gorham and his first wife, Abigail Lockwood. He died in Roxbury, Conn., 19 August 1799, aged 77 years.[2]

Ichabod Gorham married in Green's Farms, Fairfield, 2 February 1748/9 **Sarah Barlow**,[3] who was born in Fairfield 28 March 1732,[4] the daughter of George and Mehitabel (Staples) Barlow. Sarah died in Roxbury 17 November 1805, aged 79 years.[5]

On 1 April 1748 Ichabod Gorham of Fairfield, for £150, purchased two pieces of salt meadow, lying in Fairfield, from his brothers, Joseph, Daniel, Jabez and Lockwood Gorham, all of whom were the sons of Joseph Gorham and his first wife, Abigail Lockwood.[6] On the same day, Ichabod and his brothers, Joseph, Daniel and Jabez, sold to their brother, Lockwood Gorham, for £800 old tenor, all of their right to the Indian Claim lying in Fairfield, amounting to 14 acres, more or less.[7]

Ichabod and Sarah Gorham renewed the covenant in Green's Farms Church, 29 October (written over November) 1749.[8] They again renewed the covenant in the Norfield Parish Church, Town of Weston, Conn., 17 August 1757, having gone there from Green's Farms. Ichabod bought a farm in Ridgefield, Conn., which was then part of Danbury, in 1757 and sold it in 1767, before moving to Roxbury, Conn.[9]

No probate records have been found for Ichabod Gorham.

Children (**Gorham**), first four born in Fairfield, Conn., baptized in Green's Farm Church, last possibly born in Danbury, Conn.:[10]

i. **Daniel**[6], bapt. 29 October (written over November) 1749.
ii. **Benjamin**, bapt. 29 December 1752.

iii. **Joseph**, bapt. 15 December 1754.
iv. **Phineas**, bapt. 17 April 1757.
v. ?**Seth**, born Danbury, 18 January 1762, from Seth's family bible; he named a son "Barlow."[11]

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331. **Shubael Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Fairfield, Conn., 28 October 1726, and baptized 6 November 1726,[1] the son of Joseph Gorham and his second wife, Deborah Barlow. He died in Weston, Conn., 20 November 1807, in his 82d year.[2]

Shubael Gorham married first, in Green's Farms, Fairfield, 21 January 1746/7, **Rebeccah Hurlbutt**,[3] who was born in Fairfield about 1728,[4] the daughter of Gideon and Martha (Warner) Hurlbutt. Rebeccah died in Weston, Conn., 27 February 1799.[5]

Shubael, called "of Wilton," married second, at Green's Farms Church, 8 September 1799 widow **Abigail (Frost) (Morehouse) Raymond**,[6] called "of this place," daughter of Isaac Frost. Abigail died 9 December 1800.[7]

Shubael married third, 21 January 1801 Mary (Banks) (Ogden) Finch, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Treadwell) Banks.[8]

Shubael and his first wife, Rebeccah, renewed the covenant in the Green's Farms Church 22 November 1747.[9]

Rebeccah's father, Gideon Hurlbutt, late of Fairfield, in his will dated 13 June 1745 (*sic*), proved 4 March 1757, mentioned his daughter, Rebeccah Gorham and gave her £10 out of his movable estate.[10] By 17 August 1757, Shubael and Rebeccah had moved to Weston, Conn., and were among the signers of the Association, Norfield Parish Church, Town of Weston. A baby girl named Lydia, born 14 December 1763 and baptized 16 April 1764, "was born at Shubael's and left there to be brought up."[11]

On 1 October 1787, Shubael Gorham was named as the administrator for the estate of his half-brother, Daniel Gorham, which was distributed 5 November 1787 to Daniel's brothers of the full blood, Lockwood Gorham, Ichabod Gorham, and the heirs of Jabez Gorham.[12]

Administration on the intestate estate of Shubael Gorham, late of Weston, was granted to David Coley of Weston, with Hezekiah Nichols of Fairfield as surety. The inventory of the personal property of Shubael

Gorham, amounting to $221.88, was made 22 March 1808 by John Gray and Joseph Sturges, and presented to the court 30 April 1808. The list of debts against the estate amounted to $200.25 and was presented to the court by David Coley, administrator.[13]

Children (**Gorham**), first three born in Fairfield, Conn., and baptized in the Green's Farms Church, fourth born in Weston, Conn., all by his first wife, Rebeccah Hurlbutt:[14]

i. **Stephen**[6], was born 19 December 1747, bapt. 27 December 1747.
ii. **Ebenezer**, born 1 September 1749, bapt. 29 October 1749.
iii. **Shubael**, born 4 July 1752, bapt. 13 September 1752.
iv. **Rebeccah**, bapt. 20 February 1759.

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332. **Isaac Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Fairfield, Conn., 14 November 1730,[1] the son of Joseph Gorham and his second wife, Deborah Barlow. He died in Redding, Conn., 14 July 1798, in his 67th year.[2]

Isaac Gorham married in Fairfield 26 July 1752 **Anna Wakeman**,[3] who was born in Fairfield 24 October 1728,[4] the daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Allen) Wakeman. Anna's younger sister, Abigail Wakeman, married Isaac's brother, John Gorham. Anna died in Redding 11 June 1807, in her 79th year.[5]

In 1752 Isaac Gorham renewed the covenant in Green's Farms Church. On 3 March 1754 Ann, wife of Isaac Gorham, renewed the covenant.[6] On 12 June 1757, Jack, "a negro servant to Shubael Gorham," was baptized.[7] Isaac and Anna Gorham were members of the Green's Farms Church until 1762 when they joined the Redding church.[8] The reason they moved to Redding was probably because Anna's father, Joseph Wakeman, in his will dated 8 February 1753, proved 5 October 1762, gave his daughter Ann, wife of Isaac Gorham, land in Redding. Joseph Wakeman also mentioned Anna's sister, Abigail, wife of John Gorham.[9]

On 22 August 1782, Isaac's namesake, Isaac Sherwood, the son of Isaac Gorham's sister, widow Mary Sherwood, chose Isaac Gorham as his guardian.[10]

In the U.S. census of 1790 Isaac Gorham was recorded as the owner of seven slaves.[11]

Isaac Gorham, in his will dated 27 September 1797, proved 17 July 1798, mentioned his wife Anna, his son, Isaac Gorham, his daughter Hannah Andrews, his granddaughter Anna, wife of Lazarus Hull, his granddaughter Sally Read, daughter of Hezekiah Read, Ulily Read, 3rd daughter of Hezekiah Read, and his grandson Hezekiah Read, Jr., who were all the children of his deceased daughter Ann, who had married Hezekiah Read.[12]

Isaac's widow, Anna Gorham, in her will dated 9 February 1799, proved 20 June 1807, mentioned her son Isaac Gorham, her daughter Hannah, wife of Ebenezer Andrews, her granddaughter Anna, wife of Lazarus Hull, her granddaughter Sarah, wife of Sturges Sanford, her granddaughter Lilly Read, her grandson Hezekiah Read, Jr., and her grandson Joseph W. Gorham.[13]

Note: The Gorham MS 3:247 is in error in crediting four more children, without any documentation or birth dates, to Isaac and Anna (Wakeman) Gorham, namely Sarah/Sally, Milly, Hezekiah and Joseph W. The mistake was made in misreading the wills of Isaac and Anna Gorham, adding the names of their grandchildren to the list of their children.

Children (**Gorham**), born in Fairfield, Conn., first two baptized in Green's Farms Church, last baptized in the First Congregational Church, Redding, Conn.:[14]

i. **Hannah**[6], born 15 November 1752, bapt. 3 December 1752.
ii. **Anna**, born 29 September 1754, bapt. 17 November 1754.
iii. **Isaac**, born 15 November 1761, bapt. 24 January 1762.

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333. **John Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Fairfield, Conn., 4 July 1732 and baptized 16 July 1732,[1] the son of Joseph Gorham and his second wife, Deborah Barlow. He died in New Milford, Conn., between 17 April 1802, when he deeded land to his son, Joseph Gorham, and 9 December 1803, when administrators were appointed for his intestate estate.[2]

John Gorham married in Green's Farms, Fairfield 2 October 1754 **Abigail Wakeman,**[3] who was born in Fairfield 19 December 1735,[4] the daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Allen) Wakeman. She was a sister of the wife of John's brother, Isaac. Abigail died in Kent, Conn., before 24 January 1811.[5]

On 13 April 1755 John and Abigail Gorham renewed the covenant in Green's Farms Church.[6] Abigail's father, Joseph Wakeman, in his will dated 8 February 1753, proved 5 October 1762, mentioned among his heirs, his daughter, Abigail, wife of John Gorham.[7]

John moved with his family to New Fairfield, Conn., and later bought land in Kent, Conn., in 1781.[8] On 8 February 1793 John Gorham of Kent, sold to Daniel Barlow for £70 lawful money, land in Kent which was part of the farm he lived on, beginning at a piece of land which he had measured out to his son, Wakeman Gorham, containing 11 acres with a house and a barn.[9] The next day, 9 February 1793, for £70 lawful money received from Abigail Gorham of Kent, Daniel Barlow of Kent, deeded the same 11 acres back to John Gorham's wife, Abigail Gorham.[10] On 11 April 1802, John and Abigail Gorham confirmed to their son, Joseph Gorham of Kent, for £10, love and affection, the 50th lot in the 2nd division of land in Kent, amounting to 150 acres, "and also the eastward half of my dwelling house wherein I now live and the once divided half of the barn." This was signed by both Abigail and John Gorham and recorded 10 December 1803. Witnesses were Stephen Smith and Barzillai Slosson.[11]

By 19 March 1808 John Gorham of Kent had died. His son, Joseph Gorham of Kent, sold to Bradley Mills, Philo Mills and Lewis Mills, merchants, land with a house and a barn, belonging to Abigail Gorham that had been conveyed to Joseph by his father, John Gorham, deceased, and by his mother, Abigail, "said land and buildings encumbered by a lease from me to the said Abigail and John Gorham."[12] On 8 February 1809, Joseph Gorham sold to Lewis Mills for $1125, 150 acres with a dwelling house and one-half of the barn, "where said Gorham now lives," which had been deeded to him by his parents, John and Abigail Gorham.[13]

John Gorham called "of New Milford," died intestate. On 9 December 1803, Abigail Gorham of Kent, widow of John Gorham, deceased, refused to act as administratrix. Instead, she petitioned the court to appoint her son-in-law, Timothy St. John, and her son, Joseph Gorham, as joint administrators of the estate of John Gorham, late of Kent, deceased. On the same day, Joseph Gorham, Timothy St. John and James Morgan gave their bond as administrators. On 14 February 1804, Nathaniel Berry and Peter Comstock took the inventory and on 21 August 1804, they reported the lists of claims against the estate, which amounted to $454.65. On 30 October 1804, Julius Caswell and Peter Comstock distributed the estate,

setting out to Abigail Gorham, widow, nine acres of land as her dower portion of the real estate.[14]

On 25 October 1809, son John Gorham of Bakersfield, Franklin County, Vermont, for $50 received from his brother, James Gorham of Poultney, Rutland County, Vermont, released and quitclaimed any lands or tenements in Kent, Litchfield County, "that came to me by will in descent from my mother." This was recorded 24 January 1810.[15] On 23 January 1810, Seth Gorham of Castleton, Rutland County, Vermont, sold land in Kent for $52.50 to Lewis Mills of Kent, the land being one-sixth part undivided of the whole eleven acres, and half of the house and barn.[16] On 9 February 1810, Jared Gorham of Poultney, Rutland County, Vermont, quitclaimed to Lewis Mills of Kent, for $100, "land I cannot describe, referring to the records of the dec'd, of the gift from my mother to me with six others and also my right to the seventh share deeded to me by Joseph Gorham."[17]

Abigail Gorham of Kent in Litchfield County, in her will dated 2 October 1805, probated at New Milford, Conn., 24 January 1811, bequeathed all of her household furniture and personal estate to her daughters Deborah, Abigail and Lucy. She gave her sons John, James, Seth, Jeremiah [Jared], Wakeman, Hezekiah and Joseph all of her land and real estate of every description lying in Kent or elsewhere, to be divided equally among them. The witnesses were Daniel Hine, Rachel Downs and Barzillai Slosson.[18]

Children (**Gorham**), first four born in Fairfield, Conn., and baptized in Green's Farms Church, rest born or baptized in Weston, Conn.:[19]

i. **Deborah**[6], born 10 March 1755, bapt. 27 April 1755.
ii. **John**, born 22 May 1756, bapt. 20 June 1756.
iii. **James**, bapt. 28 May 1758.
iv. **Seth**, born 6 June 1760, bapt. 8 June 1760.
v. **Jared/Jeremiah**, bapt. 27 June 1762.
vi. **Wakeman**, born about 1765; mentioned in his mother's will.
vii. **Abigail**, died young.
viii. **Abigail**, born 19 July 1770.
ix. **Hezekiah**, mentioned in his mother's will.
x. **Lucy**, mentioned in her mother's will.
xi. **Joseph**, born in 1780; administrator of father's estate; mentioned in his mother's will.

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334. **Mary Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Fairfield, Conn., 25 December 1739 and baptized 30 December 1739,[1] the daughter of Joseph Gorham and his second wife, Deborah Barlow. Mary died in Green's Farms, Fairfield, 19 August 1804, aged 65 years, called "wife of William Raymond."[2]

Mary married first, in Green's Farms, Fairfield, 24 March 1761 **John Sherwood,**[3] who was probably born in Fairfield,[4] the son of Thomas and Eleanor (Churchill) Sherwood. John Sherwood died on board a British prison ship in November or December 1777, during the Revolutionary War.[5]

Mary married second, in Westport 23 February 1783, as his second wife, **William Raymond,**[6] probably the one who was baptized in Greenfield Hill Church, 25 April 1742,[7] the son of William Raymond, whose wife's name was not given. Mary's second husband had eight children by his first wife, who was also named Mary,[8] none of whom were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Mary Gorham was baptized in Christ's Church, Fairfield.[9] Before Mary and her first husband were married, John Sherwood's father, Thomas Sherwood, died in Albany in 1756, during the French and Indian War. A few months later John's brothers and sisters conveyed to John Sherwood of Fairfield land with a house and shop in Green's Farms, as his share of his inheritance.[10] This probably became their home. Mary and John Sherwood renewed the covenant in Green's Farms Church, 7 March 1762.[11]

John Sherwood served in the Revolutionary War under Capt. Abel and Col. Philip Bradley. He was captured at Fort Washington, 16 November 1777, and died soon after on a prison ship in New York harbor.[12] On 22 August 1782, before Mary married her second husband, one of her sons from her first marriage, Isaac Sherwood, chose her brother, Isaac Gorham of Redding, as his guardian. On 1 October 1787, when her twin sons, Hezekiah and John Sherwood, reached fourteen years of age, they chose their oldest brother, Asa Sherwood, as their guardian. In 1790 Mary and her second husband, William Raymond, conveyed property to her son Asa Sherwood.[13]

Children, all born in Fairfield, Conn., and baptized in Green's Farms Church:[14]

Children (**Sherwood**), by her first husband, John Sherwood:

i. **Asa**[6], bapt. 4 July 1762.
ii. **Levi**, bapt. 17 June 1764.
iii. **Ellen**, bapt. 23 February 1766.
iv. **Isaac**, bapt. 14 August 1768.
v. **Abigail**, bapt. 18 November 1770.
vi. **Hezekiah**, bapt. 10 September 1773 (twin).
vii. **John**, bapt. 10 September 1773 (twin).
viii. **Hannah**, bapt. 28 July 1776.

Children (**Raymond**), by her second husband, William Raymond:

ix. **David**, bapt. 2 November 1783 (twin).
x. **Phineas**, bapt. 2 November 1783 (twin).
xi. **Moses Sherwood**, bapt. 22 June 1789, died 3 July 1789.

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335. **Joseph Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Fairfield, Conn., 20 November 1741,[1] the son of Joseph Gorham and his second wife, Deborah Barlow. Joseph died in Green's Farms, Fairfield, 8 July 1779, in his 40th year and was buried in the Old Burying Ground, Green's Farms.[2]

Joseph Gorham, called "Jun[r]," married in Green's Farms 16 November 1763 **Mary Gray**,[3] who was born in Fairfield 8 March 1746 and baptized in Green's Farms Church 16 March 1745/6,[4] the daughter of Samuel and Eleanor (Sturges) Gray. Mary married second, 18 March 1781, Asher Taylor of Norwalk, by whom she had a son, Jeremiah/Jared Taylor, who was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger, John Howland.[5] Called "Widow Mary Taylor," she married third, in Green's Farms Church, 25 July 1790 Ebenezer Godfrey.[6] She married fourth, 16 March 1797 Ebenezer Coley.[7] Mary died in Weston, Conn., 25 September 1825.[8]

Joseph and Mary Gorham renewed the covenant in Green's Farms Church 31 March 1765 and were admitted to membership 9 August 1767. The church's burial records state that Joseph Gorham "accidently shot himself with his own gun going over a fence."[9]

Joseph Gorham, called "late of Norwalk," died intestate. His widow, Mary, was appointed administratrix of the estate, 7 February 1780. The

inventory of the estate was taken by Ebenezer Jessup and Joseph Hide. On the same day, 7 February 1780, Mary Gorham, administratrix, presented "a perfect inventory" of Joseph's estate. Seven years later, 1 October 1787, the appraisers of the estate added four items totaling £97-4-4 to the inventory.[10] The distribution of Joseph's estate was accepted by the court 25 February 1797 and was made 24 October 1797. In it, Mary was called "now wife of Asher Taylor." She was allowed all of the movables including bedding, household furniture, and the use of one-third part of the barn, 13 acres of land and the homestead valued at £203-1-7, bordering on land set off to her youngest son, Joseph Barlow Gorham. As the eldest son, Samuel Gorham was allowed two shares, "a double portion," of the estate which included some of his father's clothes, a right in a Continental certificate, the dwelling house, after his mother's death, and two-thirds of the barn, for a total value of £221-10-8. Daughter Abigail Gorham was given some land, some household goods, a right in a Continental certificate of deposit, sheep and cattle, totaling £110-15-3. Daughter Mary Gorham's share was similar to her sister Abigail's share. "Youngest son" Joseph Barlow Gorham, was also given a single share, which included, among other things, the southerly end of the homestead and a right in a Continental certificate, amounting to £110-15-3.[11]

On 15 July 1790, Joseph's widow, Mary Taylor, and Stephen Adams, as surety, were elected by Mary's youngest son, Joseph Barlow Gorham, to be his guardians until he arrived at the age of twenty-one. Mary Taylor and Stephen Adams gave their bond the same day.[12]

Mary's third husband, Ebenezer Godfrey, in his will dated 7 February 1793, proved 19 March 1793, mentioned his wife, Mary, his nephew Ebenezer, son of "brother" Nathan Gray, and his wife's son by her second marriage, Jeremiah Taylor. He named Mary and her eldest son, Samuel Gorham, as joint executors.[13]

Mary's fourth husband, Capt. Ebenezer Coley, in his will dated 15 April 1811, proved 7 November 1811, mentioned his wife, Mary, his own six children and two grandchildren, including his daughter, Abigail, who had married Shubael Gorham, son of Mary's brother, Shubael Gorham of Weston, Conn.[14]

Mary was called Mary Coley of Weston, Conn., when she made her will 7 January 1817, which was proved 6 October 1825. In it she bequeathed $30 to her son, Samuel Gorham. She gave $5 and all of her books, except her large Bible, to her son, Joseph B. Gorham. Her son by her second husband, called Jared Taylor, was given $5 and her Great Bible. She gave her daughter Polly, her gold beads, three pewter plates and her chest with one drawer. All of the residue of her estate, both real and personal, she devised to her two daughters, Abigail and Polly, to be divided equally between them. Seth Taylor of Norwalk was named

executor. Witnesses were Abigail Taylor, Sally Taylor and Harriet Hurlbutt. On 6 October 1825, Seth Taylor, Esq., executor, and Taylor Hurlbutt, both of Norwalk, gave their bond for $1000, to guarantee that Seth would carry out the provisions of Mary's will. On 17 October 1825, omitted inventory of $211.95 was brought forward and the inventory was approved and ordered recorded. Debts against the estate amounted to $122.02.[15]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Fairfield, Conn., and baptized in Green's Farms Church:[16]

i. **Samuel**[6], bapt. 23 June 1765.
ii. **Abigail**, bapt. 24 May 1767.
iii. **Mary/Polly**, bapt. 12 May 1771.
iv. **Joseph Barlow**, bapt. 25 June 1775.
v. **Sarah**, bapt. 18 August 1777, called "son," died Green's Farms, 19 August 1777, called "Sarah."

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336. **Abigail Gorham**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Fairfield, Conn., 7 April 1744 and baptized in Westport, Conn., 15 April 1744,[1] the daughter of Joseph Gorham and his second wife, Deborah Barlow. Abigail died in Green's Farms, Fairfield, 1 September 1789, aged 45 years, and was buried in the Green's Farms Cemetery on the Shore Road, called "Widow Abigail Meker" (*sic*).[2]

Abigail Gorham married in Green's Farms Church 17 November 1763 **Daniel Meeker**,[3] who was born in Fairfield 10 August 1739,[4] the son of Samuel and Abigail (Gregory) Meeker and a cousin of Abigail Meeker who married her brother, Lockwood Gorham. Daniel died in Green's Farms 20 September 1784, aged 45 years, and was buried in the Green's Farms Cemetery on the Shore Road.[5]

Daniel Meeker of Fairfield died intestate 20 September 1784. On 11 February 1788 Abigail Meeker of Fairfield was appointed guardian of her son Lyman Meeker, a minor. Daniel Meeker, Jr., and Abigail Meeker

gave their bond.[6] Widow Abigail Meeker died intestate 1 September 1789, before the distribution of her husband's estate had been accomplished. On 2 November 1789, the administration of Abigail Meeker's estate was granted to her son, Daniel Meeker.[7] A month later, 2 December 1789, the probate court at Fairfield ordered the administrator of the estate of Daniel Meeker, late of Fairfield, to sell at public vendue or private sale, as much of the real estate of the deceased as would raise £49-14-5, apparently to pay the debts of the estate.[8] On 3 May 1790 Moses Sherwood, Andrew Sturges and Joseph Hide of Fairfield were appointed to distribute the estate of Daniel Meeker of Fairfield, deceased, giving the eldest son, Daniel Meeker (Jr.), a double portion or two shares, and each of the other children a single share.[9] On 25 May 1790, the distribution was made. Daniel Meeker, eldest son, was given some of his father's clothes and the east half of the house and about one acre of land on the east side adjoining the house in the form of a square, amounting to £29-5-8. Joseph received the west half of the house, valued at £14-12-10½. Medad's share was a strip of land with the barn, worth £14-12-10½. Abigail, Betsy and Rhoda were each given one share in the form of some cash and one acre of land, valued at the same amount. Son Lyman was given two acres of land, and son Samuel received five acres and some of his father's clothes, each share also valued at £14-12-10½. All of the heirs were to have liberty to pass and repass through each division of land on the east side of the homestead. Moses Sherwood and Andrew Sherwood were the distributors. The division was accepted and recorded 6 December 1790,[10] three months after an inventory of Abigail's estate was presented to the court, 10 September 1790, by Daniel Meeker, administrator. Among the many household utensils listed were chairs and tables, old beds and bolsters, five and twenty geese, a looking glass, pewter plates and a kettle, as well as her husband's carpentry and cooper tools.[11]

Children (**Meeker**), all born in Fairfield, Conn., and baptized in the Green's Farms Church:[12]

i. **Deborah**[6], bapt. 19 May 1765; not mentioned in the distribution of her father's estate.
ii. **Daniel**, bapt. 5 April 1767; called "eldest son" in the distribution of his father's estate.
iii. **Samuel**, born 18 November 1769, bapt. 4 March 1770.
iv. **Lyman**, bapt. 7 June 1772.
v. **Abigail**, bapt. 24 July 1774.
vi. **Medad**, bapt. 8 December 1776.
vii. **Rhoda**, bapt. 9 May 1779.
viii. **Betsy**, bapt. 25 November 1781.

ix. **Joseph Gorham**, bapt. 20 February 1785, "son of widow Abigail," born posthumously.

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337. **Bethiah Gorham**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, Mass., now in Rhode Island, 10 October 1721 and baptized 5 August 1722,[1] the daughter of Benjamin and Bethiah (Cary) Gorham. She probably died in Providence, R.I., before 14 May 1764, the date her father made his will and did not mention Bethiah.[2]

Bethiah Gorham married in Providence 19 January 1737/8 **Abner Brown** of Providence,[3] who was born about 1717 or 1718,[4] the son of Nathaniel and Elnathan (Harris) Brown. Abner Brown died before 20 February 1761,[5] when he was called "deceased" in a Providence deed.

In 1742 Abner Brown and his brother, William, mariners, deeded ten acres of land in Providence "on the road from town bridge to Mashapauge."[6] In a Providence deed dated 20 February 1761, Bethiah's brother-in-law, Joseph Owen, mentioned "land of the heirs of Abner Brown, deceased."[7]

Neither Bethiah nor any heirs were mentioned in the will of her father, Benjamin Gorham, dated 14 May 1764, proved 1 February 1772.[8] No probate records or deeds were found for either Abner or Bethiah Brown.

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338. **Sarah Gorham**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, Mass., now in Rhode Island, 15 September 1723 and baptized 24 November 1723,[1] the daughter of Benjamin and Bethiah (Cary) Gorham. She died in Providence, R.I., 13 October 1810.[2]

Sarah Gorham "of Providence" was married first, by Josiah Cotton, Presbyterian minister, in Providence, R.I., 14 March 1745 (intentions Yar-

mouth, Mass., 19 January 1744/5) to **Rowland/Roland Taylor,**[3] who was born in Yarmouth 29 December 1716,[4] the son of Jacob and Rebeccah (Weeks) Taylor. Rowland Taylor died in Yarmouth 30 November 1752, in his 36th year, and was buried in the Hyannis graveyard at South and Newton Streets, Hyannis.[5]

Sarah married second, in St. John's Episcopal Church in Providence 22 February 1758, **William Whipple** of Providence,[6] whose parentage has not been established. William Whipple died in Providence 26 February 1785.[7]

Sarah's husband, Rowland Taylor, called "of Yarmouth, yeoman," purchased land in Yarmouth near the Barnstable line, from his father, Jacob Taylor, 27 July 1743, recorded 16 January 1749.[8] After their marriage, Sarah and Rowland Taylor moved to Barnstable where she is said to have had five children, but the names of only two have been found.[9]

On 14 May 1753, Sarah Taylor was named administratrix of the intestate estate of her husband, Mr. Rowland Taylor, husbandman and yeoman, late of Barnstable, deceased. The inventory of his estate was taken 14 May 1753 by James Lovell, David Hallet and Richard Baxter. His personal estate was valued at £58-15-5 and his house, barn, land and meadow was valued at £188-0-0. Debts were due to Elisha Lumbert, Thomas Hedge, John Baxter and many others.[10]

In the fall of 1755, after her first husband's death, Sarah settled with her Taylor children in Providence where she married William Whipple.[11] Sarah was called "Sarah Whipple" in her father's will dated 14 May 1764, proved 1 February 1772.[12] Rowland Taylor's brother, Benjamin Taylor, mentioned the heirs of Roland Taylor in his will dated 10 July 1779.[13] No guardianship records were found in Barnstable for Sarah's children by Rowland Taylor and no probate records have been found in Providence for either Sarah or William Whipple.

Children (**Taylor**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[14]

i. **Benjamin**[6], bapt. 22 July 1750.
ii. **Edward**, born 11 April 1751.
iii. .....
iv. .....
v. .....

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339. **Jemima Gorham**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Bristol, Mass., now in Rhode Island, about 1725,[1] the daughter of Benjamin and Bethiah (Cary) Gorham. Jemima died some time before 5 September 1763, the date her husband made his will and mentioned his third wife, Mary, and their expected child.[2]

Jemima Gorham married, as his second wife, in Providence, R.I., 26 November 1749 **Joseph Owen/Owens,**[3] whose parentage has not been found. Joseph Owens had married first, in Providence 31 July 1740 Mary Angell, daughter of John Angell, by whom he had three children, Mercy, Obadiah and Ruth Owens,[4] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. After Jemima's death, Joseph Owens married third, a widow, Mary Trip who had a son, Arthur Trip,[5] not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Joseph Owens died in Providence between 27 July 1765, the date he made his will, and 10 August 1774, the date his will was probated.[6]

Jemima's father, Benjamin Gorham, mentioned Jemima's son, Samuel Owen, in his will dated 14 May 1764, probated 23 May 1772, and gave him some silver buckles which had belonged to Jemima's brother, Samuel Gorham.[7]

Joseph Owen/Owens was called a mariner in court records. He bought property in Providence in 1749, 1754, 1755 and 1756. He and his wife, Jemima, sold land in Providence in 1755. In 1761 Joseph and Jemima Owens sold property adjoining that of the heirs of her brother-in-law, Abner Brown. On the same day, they bought 15 acres with a house and cooper's shop in Providence. On 27 February 1762, Joseph bought 25 acres near "the Burying Ground" in Providence.[8]

In his will dated 5 September 1763, proved 10 August 1774, Joseph Owen, mariner, "being bound on a voyage to sea," named his sons, Obadiah, Joseph, Samuel and Josiah Owen, and his daughters Marcy, Mary, Elizabeth and Jemima Owen. He named his son Obadiah and his brother, Thomas Owen, as joint executors. Two codicils dated 27 February 1765 and 27 July 1765, mentioned his third wife, Mary, "expecting to be with child," who was to share equally in his estate with his other children.[9]

Children (**Owens**), born in Providence, R.I., determined from father's probate records:[10]

i. **Mary**[6], born 28 December 1751.[11]
ii. **Joseph**, born about 1752.

iii. **Samuel**, born about 1754; mentioned in grandfather Benjamin Gorham's will.
iv. **Josiah.**
v. **Elizabeth.**
vi. **Jemima.**

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340. **Elizabeth Gorham**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Bristol, Mass., now in Rhode Island, 21 January 1727/8,[1] the daughter of Benjamin and Bethiah (Cary) Gorham. She died in Providence, R.I., 3 September 1785.[2]

Elizabeth Gorham married in Providence 21 February 1748 **Thomas Grainger/Granger,**[3] who was born 23 September 1725,[4] the son of John Grainger. Thomas Grainger died before 14 May 1764.[5]

Elizabeth was called "Elizabeth Grainger" by her father, Benjamin Gorham, in his will dated 14 May 1764, proved 1 February 1772, in which he gave her a bedroom in his house in Providence, to live in as long as she remained a widow.[6] No deeds or probate records were found for Thomas Grainger. Their only daughter, Mary Grainger, married Philip Martin, a General in the Revolutionary War, and had seven children.[7]

Child (**Grainger**), born in Providence, R.I.:[8]
i. **Mary**[6], born 17 March 1756.

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341. **Jabez Gorham**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Bristol, Mass., now in Rhode Island, in 1730,[1] the son of

Benjamin and Bethiah (Cary) Gorham. He died probably in Providence, R.I., or Attleboro, Mass., after 17 August 1773, the date he and his wife sold land to Benjamin Thurber.[2]

Jabez Gorham married in Providence 4 October 1753 **Abigail Field,**[3] who was born in Providence 27 January 1730,[4] the daughter of Jeremiah and Abigail (Waterman) Field. Abigail died after 17 August 1773, the date she joined her husband in selling property.[5]

Jabez Gorham was a tanner. He bought property in Providence from his father 18 August 1753, and 8 April 1761 he bought the northern part of his father's homestead lot in an area called Stamper's Hill.[6] On 20 December 1763 Jabez and Abigail Gorham sold property to George Payson of Providence. This was acknowledged 17 April 1764 and recorded 25 April 1764. On 17 August 1773 Jabez and Abigail Gorham sold land to Benjamin Thurber.[7]

Jabez Gorham's father, Benjamin Gorham, in his will dated 14 May 1764, gave Jabez the house in Providence in which he lived. Jabez was named sole executor of his father's will.[8]

No probate records have been found for Jabez and Abigail Gorham.

Children (**Gorham**), born in Providence, R.I.:[9]

i. **John**[6], buried 21 January 1759.
ii. **Jabez**, born 15 July 1760.
iii. **Bethiah**, born in 1761.
iv. **Samuel**, born 11 December 1763, recorded in David Gorham's family bible.

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The Champlins and the Thompsons of Westerly and Charlestown, Rhode Island

John Howland ~ Elizabeth Tilley
1592 - 1672/3 Plymouth, Mass. 1607 - 1687

John Gorham ~ Desire[2] Howland
1621 - 1679/80 Barnstable, Mass. 1625 - 1683

George Denison ~ Mercy Gorham[3]
abt. 1653 - 1711 Stonington, Conn.; Westerly, R.I. 1658 - 1725

Christopher Champlin ~ Elizabeth Denison[4]
1684 - 1734 Westerly, R.I. 1689 - 1749

Thomas Stanton ~ Thankful Denison[4]
1693 - 1751 Stonington, Conn. abt. 1695 - aft. 1751

Christopher Champlin[5] ~ 1) Hannah Hill
1707 - 1776 Westerly; Charlestown, R.I. 1710 - 1756
2) Lucy Stanton
1722 - 1766

Elias Thompson ~ Thankful Stanton[5]
1708 - 1781 Westerly, R.I. 1718 - aft. 1783

John Champlin[6] ~ Thankful Thompson[6]
1732 - 1764 Charlestown, R.I. 1737 - aft. 1783

Children born in Charlestown, R.I.:
i. Thankful Champlin,[7-7] b. 1756
ii. John Champlin, b. 1759
iii. Hannah Champlin, b. 1763

Henry G. R. White, '86

22. The Grandchildren of Mercy Gorham[3]

342. **John Denison**[5] (*Edward*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Westerly, R.I., about 1703,[1] the son of Edward and Mercy (Hedge) Denison. He died in Stonington, Conn., 28 November 1777.[2]

John Denison married first, in Stonington 9 November 1720 **Ann Denison,**[3] who was born in Stonington in 1703, and baptized there 2 December 1710,[4] the daughter of William and Mary (Avery) Denison. Ann died when she drowned in a well in Stonington 15 September 1721, in her 17th year.[5]

John Denison married second, in Stonington **Mary Noyes,**[6] who was born in 1705,[7] the daughter of Dr. James and Anna (Sanford) Noyes. Mary died in Stonington 14 June 1742, in her 37th year.[8]

John Denison married third, in Stonington 7 July 1743 **Rebecca Noyes,**[9] who was born in Stonington 15 March 1718/9,[10] the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Sanford) Noyes. Rebecca died in Stonington 11 September 1754.[11]

John Denison married fourth, in Stonington 3 March 1762 widow **Sarah (Chesebrough) (Geer) Billings,**[12] who was born in Stonington 14 September 1715,[13] the daughter of Samuel and Priscilla (Alden) Chesebrough and the widow of James Geer and Capt. Ebenezer Billings. Sarah died in Stonington 5 February 1786.[14] There were no children from John Denison's fourth marriage.

John Denison was mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Elisha Hedge of Yarmouth, Mass., as the son of his daughter, Mercy Denison.[15] John Denison, called "Captain," was a merchant in Stonington and is said to have been an officer in the French and Indian War.[16]

Capt. John Denison died intestate. On 8 December 1777 his son, Elisha, signed a bond to serve as administrator of the estate of his father, Capt. John Denison. An inventory, dated 2 April 1778, showed a personal estate of £147-0-1, but no real estate. John Denison's fourth wife, Sarah, signed a receipt in Stonington on 10 December 1778, for £30 from the estate of her husband, Capt. John Denison, "which is in full for an Agreement or Jointure made . . . Before my Marriage With the sd Capt John Denison." A return dated 10 November 1779 presented claims against the insolvent estate of Capt. John Denison.[17]

A distribution of the estate of Mrs. Sarah Denison of Stonington, approved 5 May 1787, contains a list of her children by her previous hus-

bands with the surnames of Geer, Billings, Avery and Eldridge, who agreed to a diversion in accordance with her nuncupative will.[18]

Children (**Denison**), born in Stonington, Conn.[19]
By his first wife, Ann Denison:
i. **Ann**[6], born in 1721, died young.
By his second wife, Mary Noyes:
ii. **Edward**, born 4 March 1724/5, bapt. 4 September 1737.
iii. **John**, born 4 January 1726/7, bapt. 4 September 1737.
iv. **Ann**, born 2 May 1729, died 10 July 1729.
v. Daughter, born 2 September 1730, died in February 1731.
vi. Daughter, born 10 August 1731, died the same day.
vii. **Mary**, born 24 November 1734, died 25 February 1735.
viii. **Ann**, bapt. 4 September 1737 (twin).
ix. **Jesse**, bapt. 4 Sept. 1737 (twin).
x. **Elisha**, bapt. 15 April 1739.
xi. **Mary**, bapt. 24 January 1742.
By his third wife, Rebecca Noyes:
xii. **Rebecca**, born 8 January 1743/4, died 25 July 1744.
xiii. **Rebecca**, born 26 September 1745, died 10 July 1747.
xiv. **Rebecca**, bapt. 2 August 1747.
xv. **Elisha**, bapt. 2 July 1749, died 16 November 1750.
xvi. **Elisha**, bapt. 3 November 1751.
xvii. **Mercy**, bapt. 24 February 1754.

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343. **Mary Denison**[5] (*Edward*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Westerly, R.I., about 1705,[1] the daughter of Edward and Mercy (Hedge) Denison. She died after 3 August 1742,[2] the date her husband's will was probated.

Mary Denison married in Westerly, R.I., 22 June 1724 **Benjamin Billings**,[3] who was born in Westerly 28 September 1703,[4] the son of Ebenezer and Anne (Comstock) Billings. Benjamin died in Westerly before 3 August 1742, the date his will was probated.[5]

Mercy was mentioned in the will of her maternal grandfather, Elisha Hedge of Yarmouth, Mass., dated 13 February 1729/30.[6]

Mercy's husband, Benjamin Billings was a tavern keeper in Westerly.[7] In his will dated 16 November 1741, proved 31 August 1742, Capt. Benjamin Billings mentioned his wife, Mercy, his son Benjamin, who was under 21, and his daughters Mary, Ruhama and Desire, all under 18.[8] No proof has been found for daughters named Abigail and Lucretia who were listed in "The Billings Family of Connecticut," but were not mentioned in their father's will, nor were they listed in the *Denison Genealogy* (1978).

Children (**Billings**), born in Stonington, Conn., and Westerly, R.I.:[9]

i. **Desire**[6], born 5 June 1726.
ii. **Benjamin**, born 1 December 1728.
iii. **Mary**, bapt. in Stonington 9 July 1732.
iv. **Ruhama**, mentioned in father's will, "under 18."

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344. **Desire Denison**[5] (*Edward*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Westerly, R.I., about 1709,[1] the daughter of Edward and Mercy (Hedge) Denison. She died in Colchester, Conn., 8 August 1739.[2]

Desire Denison married in Groton, Conn., 11 November 1736 **Jabez Smith** of Groton,[3] who was born in Groton 7 February 1714 (original record),[4] the son of Nehemiah and Dorothy (Wheeler) Smith. Jabez Smith married second, 26 May 1742 Amy Avery.[5] Jabez died in New Haven, Conn., 11 August 1782, aged 67 years.[6]

Desire's actual birth date has not been found but she was named in the will of her grandfather, Elisha Hedge of Yarmouth, Mass., dated 13 February 1729/30.[7]

Desire's husband, Jabez Smith, was a younger brother of the John Smith who married Temperance Holmes[5] (*Fear Sturgis*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and followed John Smith to Colchester. [See #173, pages 249-50.] Evidence seems to show that Jabez Smith worked at some craft or trade. He moved about too freely to have been a farmer. He apparently could not afford a headstone for his first wife, Desire. He prospered after moving to New Haven about July 1766, where his last

child by his second wife was born and where his second wife and all of their children have headstones in the cemetery there.[8]

Desire (Denison) Smith left no probate records. Neither did her husband, Jabez Smith, after his second marriage.

Note: There is no record in Groton or Colchester for a second child, Priscilla Smith, said to have been born to Desire and Jabez in 1740, which was after the death of Desire on 8 August 1739, and before Jabez married his second wife, Amy Avery.

Child (**Smith**), born in Groton, Conn:[9]

i. **Desire**[6], born 31 July 1737.

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345. **Joseph Denison**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 21 September 1707,[1] the son of Joseph and Prudence (Minor) Denison. He died in Stonington 15 February 1795 and was buried in the Deacon Joseph Denison Yard in Stonington.[2]

Joseph Denison married first, in Stonington 16 January 1732/3 **Content (Hewitt) Russell,**[3] who was baptized in Stonington 8 April 1708,[4] the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Fanning) Hewitt and the widow of the Rev. Ebenezer Russell of North Stonington. Content died in Stonington 20 September 1749, in her 42d year,[5] and was buried in the Deacon Joseph Denison Yard.

Joseph Denison married second, in Stonington 23 April 1751 **Bridget (Noyes) Wheeler,**[6] who was born in Stonington 10 July 1725,[7] the daughter of Capt. Thomas and Elizabeth (Sanford) Noyes and the widow of Isaac Wheeler. Bridget drowned in Lantern Pond, 11 March 1772, in her 47th year.[8] Bridget had one child by her first marriage, who was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Joseph Denison married third, 3 October 1773 **Elizabeth (Latimer) Hallam,**[9] who was born in New London, Conn., 6 September 1726,[10] the daughter of Jonathan and Boradell (Denison) Latimer and the widow of Nicholas Hallam, by whom she had several children who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Elizabeth was accepted as a member of the Stonington Church 31 October 1773. She died in Stonington 28 February 1795 and was buried in Cedar Grove, New Lon-

don, with her first husband.[11] She was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Elder William Brewster. There were no children from Joseph's third marriage with Elizabeth.

Joseph Denison was a Deputy for Stonington, a Justice of the Peace and a captain in the militia, as well as a farmer and weaver.[12] He served sixteen years as Stonington's delegate to the court in Hartford, and four years as Town Selectman of Stonington.[13] In his will dated 12 March 1794, Joseph Denison divided his land in Stonington, Conn., and in Topsham, Me., and his farming tools, loom and tackling, between his two sons, Peleg and Amos Denison. Peleg also received a silver cane and Amos was given a silver-hilted sword. Daughter Content Williams was given half of her father's right in the Susquehanna Purchase, and daughter Bridget Mason was given the other half. Joseph's negro woman, Phyllis, was given her freedom, a bed, bedding and bedstead, or, if not suitable, she was to have support out of Joseph's estate. Witnesses were Isaac Williams, Jacob Brewster and Martha Eanos. The inventory valued at £256-3-9½, was taken 18 April 1795. Joseph's third wife, Elizabeth, was not mentioned, although she was alive when the will was made. Elizabeth's children by Nicholas Hallam put in a "Demand" against Joseph Denison's estate for £20 on behalf of their "honoured mother Elizabeth." The executor, Peleg Denison, managed to fend them off for two years but was finally forced to pay the claim. Settlement took place 22 May 1797.[14]

Children (**Denison**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[15]
By his first wife, Content (Hewitt) Russell:

i. **Elizabeth**[6], died young.
ii. **Peleg**, died young.

By his second wife, Bridget (Noyes) Wheeler:

iii. **Content**, born 29 January 1752.
iv. **Peleg**, born 24 November 1753, died 16 October 1754.
v. **Peleg**, born 6 July 1755.
vi. **Amos**, born 18 March 1757.
vii. **Ezra**, born 5 May 1759, died 28 September 1760.
viii. **Ephraim**, born 5 May 1761 (twin), died 16 May 1761.
ix. **Manassah**, born 5 May 1761 (twin), died 16 May 1761.
x. **Bridget**, born 23 March 1762.
xi. **Joseph**, born 28 April 1765, died in Petersburg, Georgia, 19 August 1789.
xii. **Elizabeth**, bapt. 26 April 1767, died unmarried 28 January 1790, aged 23 years.

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Stonington, 265. 6. Stonington Ch. Recs. (1874), 234. 7. Stonington VR 2:51. 8. *Old Homes in Stonington*, 265; Gorham MS 2:258. 9. Stonington Ch. Recs. 4:171. 10. New London VR 2:53. 11. Stonington Ch. Recs. 4:171. 12. Stonington Prob. Dist. 5:456; 6:3-4 (Joseph Denison). 13. Wheeler, *Hist. of Stonington*, 161, 168-69. 14. Stonington Prob. Dist. 5:456; 6:3-4 (Joseph Denison). 15. Stonington VR 3:167, 206; *Stonington Ch. Recs.*

346. **Prudence Denison**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 28 November 1709,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Prudence (Minor) Denison. She died in Windham, Conn., 15 May 1792.[2]

Prudence Denison married, as his second wife, in Windham 27 December 1726 **Nathaniel Wales**, Jr.,[3] who was born in Milton, Mass., 28 May 1694,[4] the son of Nathaniel and Susannah (Blake) Wales. Nathaniel Wales had married first, Mercy West, by whom he had three daughters born in Windham, Jerusha, born 27 November 1717, Susannah, born 5 February 1723, and Zerviah, born 22 January 1725/6,[5] not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Nathaniel Wales died in Windham 5 November 1782.[6]

Prudence's husband, Nathaniel Wales, was a wealthy farmer. In his will drawn 3 December 1771, probated 31 December 1782, Nathaniel gave his wife, Prudence, one-third part of "the farm I now live on," with the east end of the house, half of the household goods, one horse and "furniture to ride on," etc. He gave land to his sons, Nathaniel and Jonathan, and other land which he had bought from Elisha Fitch he gave to his daughters, Jerusha Lasel and Abigail Gray, daughter Zerviah Fitch having already received her share. Sons Nathaniel and Jonathan Wales were named executors. Witnesses were Thomas Brown, Daniel Brown and Susannah Brown. Distribution of the estate was completed 3 June 1783 and recorded 1 April 1784.[7]

Children (**Wales**), born in Windham, Conn.:[8]

i. **Nathaniel**[6], born 14 February 1727/8, died 15 July 1728.
ii. **Prudence**, born 12 June 1729, died 12 January 1729/30.
iii. **Abner**, born 9 March 1730/1, died 10 June 1733.
iv. **Nathaniel**, born 1 June 1733.
v. **Abner**, born 25 June 1735, died 7 January 1736.
vi. **Jonathan**, born 11 April 1738.
vii. **Shubael**, born 3 November 1740, died 25 December 1748.
viii. **Nathan**, born about 1743 died 28 January 1748/9.
ix. **Prudence**, born 20 March 1746, died 30 November 1748.
x. **Abigail**, born 21 June 1748.
xi. **William**, born 20 June 1750, died 6 November 1761.

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347. **Borodell Denison**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 14 February 1711/2 and was baptized 13 April 1712,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Prudence (Minor) Denison. She died in North Groton (Ledyard), Conn., in December 1797, aged 86 years, and was buried in the Turner Cemetery in Ledyard.[2]

Borodell Denison married, as his second wife, in Stonington (recorded in Groton), 11 May 1729, (12 May in church records) **Ezekiel Turner**,[3] who was born in New London, Conn., 14 March 1699,[4] the son of Ezekiel and Susannah (Keeney) Turner. Ezekiel Turner had married first, Theoda Williams but had no children by her. He died in North Groton (Ledyard) in March 1770, aged 70 years, and was buried in the Turner Cemetery in Ledyard.[5] Ezekiel was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Elder William Brewster.

In the Turner Cemetery where Ezekiel and Borodell Turner were buried, Borodell would appear to have been buried between her sons, Ezekiel and Amos, who died six weeks apart.

Ezekiel Turner was a farmer. In several Groton land records the old Turner house was referred to as "the Isolation Hospital," in reference to Ezekiel. In his will dated 3 June 1769, probated 13 March 1770, Ezekiel Turner of Groton gave his wife, "Boridel," one-half of his personal property, the use and improvement of one-third of his real estate, and one-third part of his dwelling house. Son Ezekiel, Jr., was given the farm and buildings "where he now lives," and other property. Son Amos was given the homestead farm and the south part of the ministry land, after Borodell's death. Daughters Prudence Fox and Eunice Brown were given three-quarters of his personal estate "that is not disposed of," the fourth quarter to go to his granddaughter Theody Brown, daughter of his deceased daughter, Theody, along with household goods that had belonged to her mother. Grandson Daniel Brown was given twenty shillings when he came of age. Wife Borodell and son Ezekiel were named joint executors. Witnesses were James Perkins, Sarah Kenedy and Mary Perkins. The inventory was taken by Elisha Smith and James Perkins. Prudence and Samuel Fox, Eunis (*sic*) and Amos Brown, granddaughter Theody and George Denison signed receipts for their shares in 1775 and 1776.[6]

Children (**Turner**), born in Groton, Conn.:[7]

i. **Theody**[6], born 14 August 1730.
ii. **Prudence**, born 8 March 1731/2.

iii. **Ezekiel**, born 27 January 1733/4.
iv. **Eunice**, born 24 July 1740.
v. **Amos**, born 1 September 1744.

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348. **Amos Denison**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 18 February 1713/4,[1] the son of Joseph and Prudence (Minor) Denison. He died in Stonington 20 February 1786, aged 71 years, 11 months, 27 days.[2]

Amos Denison married in Stonington 20 May 1742 **Martha Gallup**,[3] who was born in Stonington 6 October 1721,[4] the daughter of Joseph and Eunice (Williams) Gallup. She died in Stonington 14 November 1775, in her 55th year, called "wife of Mr. Amos Denison.".[5]

Amos Denison was a farmer. He served as a Selectman in Stonington in 1762-1763.[6] Documentation for a son named Amos, usually mentioned in this family, has not been found. In his will dated 5 February 1786, proved 2 March 1786, Amos Denison listed his children in the order of their birth. He gave to his "three oldest daughters," Eunice Smith, Martha Swan and Prudence Babcock, the sum of six shillings each, "which with what I have heretofore given them, to be the full of their portion." "Only son Joseph Denison" was given all of the lands, real estate and buildings, stock and moveable estate outdoors, wearing apparel, gun, sword and cane, house furniture, his best looking glass, gold buttons, silver spoons, etc., "he paying all my just funeral charges." He gave his daughter, Thankful Stark, all of the remainder of his household goods and the indoor moveable estate not yet disposed of, except Amie, his negro woman. Amie, who was valued at £30, was to be sold by his executor, but was to be allowed to choose her master, and "the money she shall sell for to be equally Divided and Paid by my Executor, the one-half to my daughter Thankful Stark and the other half I give and bequeath to my daughter Sinthia Rogers." Son Joseph Denison was appointed executor. The estate was appraised at £541-19-5 by Joseph Denison and Latham Hull, and was attested to by John Denison, 4th Clerk.[7]

Children (**Denison**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[8]
i. **Eunice**[6], born 16 April 1744.
ii. **Martha**, born 15 August 1745.
iii. **Prudence**, born 30 December 1747.
iv. **Joseph**, born 20 March 1750; called "only son" in father's will.

v. **Thankful**, mentioned in her father's will.
vi. **Cynthia**, bapt. 15 June 1766, mentioned in her father's will.

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349. **Nathan Denison**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 20 February 1715/6,[1] the son of Joseph and Prudence (Minor) Denison. He died in Kingston, Pennsylvania, 10 March 1803, at 88 years of age.[2]

Nathan Denison married first, in Windham, Conn., 1 April 1736 **Ann Carey**,[3] who was born in Bristol, Mass., now in Rhode Island, 21 September 1708,[4] the daughter of Eleazer and Lydia (Throope) Carey who moved to Windham when Ann was nine years old. Ann died in Windham 16 May 1776, at 68 years of age,[5] and was buried there.

Nathan Denison married second, in Scotland, Windham, Conn., 16 March 1778 Mrs. **Hannah (Fuller) Fuller**,[6] who was born in Windham 30 October 1725,[7] the daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Moulton) Fuller and the widow of David Fuller, who had died in Windham 26 April 1774. Hannah died in Hampton, Conn., 24 July 1809, and was buried in the Old Litchfield Cemetery next to her first husband, called "Hannah Denison, former wife of David Fuller."[8] After Nathan's death she seems to have returned to live near her own family in Hampton.

Nathan Denison was an early investor in the Susquehanna Company which settled the Wyoming Valley in the area that was claimed by both Connecticut and Pennsylvania before and during the Revolutionary War. At Windham 5 December 1768, Nathan Denison, [Sr.], purchased from John Webb a half-right in the Susquehanna Purchase which he deeded to his son, Nathan Denison, [Jr.], 18 January 1769. That same year, his son Nathan Denison, Jr., and his nephew, Nathaniel Wales, were among the "First Forty" adventurous Yankees who attempted to settle in the Wyoming Valley. On 1 June 1774, son Nathan Denison, [Jr.], was named Justice of the Peace for the Town of Westmoreland, County of Litchfield, in what is now Pennsylvania and which Connecticut felt was under Connecticut rule. In 1800 Nathan Denison, [Sr.], joined his son in Pennsylvania where he died in Kingston, 10 March 1803.[9]

No probate records have been found in Connecticut for Nathan Denison, [Sr.], and the first entry in Will Bk. A, Luzerne Co., Pa., is for Col. Nathan Denison, the son, not the father. Hannah Denison, the second wife of Nathan Denison, the father, survived him and died in Hampton,

Conn., in 1809. The inventory of her estate, valued at $149.83, was probated in the Windham Probate District 19 December 1809. Her estate included notes held against John Howard and Josiah Fuller.[10]

Children (**Denison**), born in Stonington, Conn., all by his first wife, Ann Carey:[11]

i. **Prudence**[6], born 11 February 1736/7.
ii. **Joseph**, born 2 November 1738.
iii. **Nathan**, born 17 September 1740.
iv. **Ann**, born 19 November 1742.
v. **Eleazer**, born 24 December 1744.
vi. **Lydia**, born 27 April 1747 (*sic*, church records say "bapt. 10 May 1746."
vii. **Amos**, born 31 May 1749, bapt. 4 June 1749, died Windham 19 September 1753, buried there next to his mother.

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350. **Joanna Denison**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 28 January 1717/8,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Prudence (Minor) Denison. She died in Canterbury, Conn., before 28 February 1778,[2] the date her will was probated.

Joanna Denison married in Stonington 25 December 1735 **Henry Hewitt**,[3] who was baptized in Stonington 30 July 1704,[4] the son of Benjamin and Marie (Fanning) Hewitt. Henry Hewitt died in Canterbury before 12 March 1776,[5] the date his will was probated.

Henry Hewitt was a farmer. In his will drawn 21 November 1775, probated 12 March 1776, Henry Hewitt gave his wife, Joanna, all of the indoor moveables, £20, a good riding mare with a woman's saddle and best bridle, etc., "to have and to hold forever." He made bequests to his sons Thomas, Increase and Stephen Hewitt, and to his daughters Joanne Cady, wife of Uriah Cady, Jr., Zerviah Howard, wife of John Howard, Content Webb, wife of Stephen Webb, Hannah Day, wife of Nathan Day,

and Anna Abbitt, wife of Philip Abbitt. Wife Joanna and son Stephen Hewitt were named executors. Witnesses were Thomas Merritt, Joseph Merritt and Elijah Merritt.[6]

Widow Joanna Hewitt, in her will drawn 14 March 1776, probated 28 February 1778, gave her son, Stephen Hewitt, the £20 left her by her deceased husband. She gave her three youngest daughters enough of her moveable estate to make them equal with her two oldest daughters. Any money left over was to be divided among all five daughters. Witnesses were Rebecca Lyon and Paul Harris.[7]

Children (**Hewitt**), first four born in Stonington, Conn., fifth and sixth baptized in the Second Congregational Church, known as the North Church of Stonington, last five born in Canterbury, Conn.:[8]

i. **Amos**[6], born 20 February 1737, died 17 May 1753.[9]
ii. **Henry**, born 2 January 1739.
iii. **Thomas**, born 29 September 1740.
iv. **Joanna**, born 3 July 1742.
v. **Zerviah**, bapt. 12 August 1743.
vi. **Increase**, bapt. 6 April 1746.
vii. **Content**, born 1 May 1748.
viii. **Hannah**, born 23 May 1750.
ix. **Stephen**, born 10 July 1752, died young.
x. **Anne**, born 1 July 1754.
xi. **Stephen**, born 7 June 1757.

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351. **Elizabeth Denison**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 15 February 1719/20,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Prudence (Minor) Denison. She died in Stonington 9 December 1742.[2]

Elizabeth Denison married, as his first wife, in Stonington 20 April 1739 **Samuel Minor**,[3] who was born in Stonington 1 January 1715, and was baptized there 10 April 1715,[4] the son of Ephraim and Mary (Stevens) Minor. Samuel Minor married second, 27 October 1743 Esther Gallup[6],[5] the daughter of Benadum Gallup and his wife, Eunice Cobb[5] (*Lois Hallett*[4], *Elizabeth Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland*, *John*[1]), by whom he had eight more children who were also descendants of *Mayflower* passenger

John Howland. [See 202:ii, page 279.] Samuel Minor died in Stonington 30 July 1775.[6]

Elizabeth and her husband, Samuel Minor, along with his second wife, Esther, and Elizabeth's daughter, Bridget, were buried in the same small cemetery in Stonington.

No probate records were found for Samuel Minor.

Children (**Minor**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[7]

i. **Bridget**[6], born 26 February 1740, died 1 November 1742.
ii. **Elizabeth**, born 13 May 1742.

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352. **Thankful Denison**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Stonington, Conn., 7 April 1723,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Prudence (Minor) Denison. She died in Stonington 13 December 1740.[2]

Thankful Denison married, as his first wife, in Stonington 5 November 1740 **Elisha Williams**,[3] who was born in Stonington 12 January 1717/8,[4] the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Hammond) Williams. Elisha married second, 24 November 1743 Eunice Williams.[5] He married third, 25 April 1754 Esther Wheeler.[6] He married fourth, 1 November 1765 Eunice (Spaulding) Baldwin.[7] Elisha Williams died in Stonington 22 September 1788.[8]

Thankful had no children by Elisha Williams. Elisha had three children by his second wife and two by his third wife, none of them descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Elisha Williams and all of his wives were buried in Old Mystic, Conn., in the graveyard on the old Elias Brown farm.[9]

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353. **Anna Denison**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was baptized in Stonington, Conn., 3 May 1724,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Prudence (Minor) Denison. She died in Lebanon, Conn., 29 August 1806, aged 82 years.[2]

Anna Denison married in Windham, Conn., 8 November 1739 **Amos Allen**,[3] who was born in Danvers, Mass., and baptized in Salem Village, Mass., 18 May 1707,[4] the son of William and Elizabeth (Small) Allen. Amos Allen died in Windham 23 March 1770, aged 63 years.[5]

Anna married second, as his second wife, about 1772 **Edward Paine**[6] of Pomfret, Conn., who died in 1776. Edward Paine had married first, in Preston, Conn., 6 April 1732, Lois Kinne.[7]

Anna married third, as his third wife, after 1779 **Simeon Spaulding.**[8] Simeon had married first, Hannah Paine who had died in Killingly, Conn., 8 September 1771. Simeon had married second, about 1772 Ann (Noyes) Frink, who was born in Stonington 10 June 1723, the daughter of Capt. Thomas and Elizabeth (Sanford) Noyes and the widow of Isaac Frink of Stonington whom she had married 6 November 1738, and who had died in Stonington in 1771.[9] Ann (Noyes) (Frink) Spaulding had died before 6 June 1775, the date her will was proved.

Amos Allen was a farmer. In his will drawn 9 March 1769, probated 10 April 1770, Amos Allen mentioned his beloved wife, Ann, and gave her one-third of his land in Lebanon and Windham for her lifetime, as well as the use of all of the indoor moveables. He gave the rest of his lands in Windham and Lebanon to his two sons, Amos and Abner, equally divided, and directed that Abner should be educated. His wife, Ann, and son, Amos Allen, were named executors. The witnesses were William Allen, Sybil Whiton and Nathaniel Holbrook. The value of the estate was £943-18. The division was completed 15 January 1771 and recorded 2 August 1771. On 25 March 1789, Elijah Badcock of Lebanon, Jerusha Allen, Bela Allen, Amelia Allen and Lora Allen of Windham, gave bond to Mrs. Ann Spaulding, the wife of Mr. Simeon Spaulding of Killingly, for the division of the estate of her first husband, Mr. Amos Allen, Sr., of Windham, "his heirs being the said Ann, then his widow, and his sons, Amos Allen, Jr., and Abner Allen." Amos Allen, Jr., had died before his mother, leaving a widow, Jerusha, and children, requiring that the estate be subdivided.[10]

On 9 December 1788 Ann Spalding (*sic*) of Killingley, made her will, which was probated 6 September 1806, in which she gave half of her estate to the heirs of her deceased son, Amos Allen, and the other half, in addition to her "Grait Byble Which I had of my Husband Paine," to her other son, Abner Allen. The will was signed by her third husband, Simeon Spaulding. Son Abner Allen was named executor. Witnesses were Jacob Spalding, Lydia Spalding and Coleton Gay. Abner Allen of Windham gave bond as executor, 8 September 1806, with Denison Wattles as surety.[11]

Children (**Allen**). born in Windham, Conn.:[12]

i. **Amos**[6], born 8 November 1744.

ii. **Abner**, born 30 December 1757.

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354. **Sarah Denison**[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 6 January 1710,[1] the daughter Samuel and Mary (Lay) (Minor) Denison. She died in Saybrook, Conn., 30 April 1794, at 84 years of age.[2]

Sarah Denison, called "of Seabrook," married first, in either Saybrook, Conn., or Westerly, R.I., 11 (or 14) August 1730 **William Babcock,**[3] who was born in Westerly 15 April 1708,[4] the son of John and Mary (Champlin) Babcock. William Babcock died in Westerly 15 January 1750/1.[5]

Sarah, called "Sarah Babcock, widow," married second, as his fourth wife, in Westerly 5 November 1753 **Stephen Chalker**, Jr.,[6] called "of Seabrook," (*sic*), who was born in Saybrook 19 July 1707,[7] the son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Chapman) Chalker. Stephen Chalker had married first, 4 December 1727 Mehitable Chapman, daughter of Samuel Chapman, by whom he had Stephen, born 1728, Elizabeth, born 1730, Jabez, born 1732, Mehitable, born 1733, Gideon, born 1735 and Jeremiah, born 1738,[8] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Stephen Chalker died in Saybrook 25 October 1783, aged 70 years.[9] Stephen Chalker's daughter by his first wife, Mehitable Chalker, married Sarah's son by her first husband, Christopher Babcock[6],[10] making their children descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

William Babcock was a Justice of the Peace and Town Clerk in Westerly from 1732 to about 1752. He was a farmer and was made freeman in 1735. In his will dated 4 January 1750/1, and proved in Westerly, 4 February 1750/1. William Babcock directed that the west half of his farm be sold to pay debts and legacies, and that his wife, Sarah, was to use the remainder for bringing up his "small children until my small sons be fit to go to trades." He gave his sons, Joshua and Christopher Babcock, the remaining part of the homestead, equally divided. Son Phineas was bequeathed £100 when he became of age, to be paid by son Joshua Babcock, and the same amount was given to son Samuel, to be paid by son Christopher. Son Elias was given land, and daughters Sarah and Mercy received legacies. William Babcock gave his silver cane to James, Jonathan and Anne Babcock, the children of his son, Capt. James Babcock, deceased.[11]

Children (**Babcock**), born in Westerly, R.I.:[12]

i. **William**[6], born 19 May 1731; not mentioned in his father's will.
ii. **Joshua**, born 2 December 1732.
iii. **Christopher**, born 12 September 1734.
iv. **Sarah**, born 17 October 1736.
v. **Elijah**, born 19 July 1738, died 11 December 1738.
vi. **Elias**, born 28 July 1740.
vii. **Phineas**, born 29 September 1742.
viii. **Mercy**, born 14 July 1745.
ix. **Samuel**, born 4 September 1747.

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355. **Samuel Denison**[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was probably born in Saybrook or Stonington, Conn., 23 October 1711,[1] the son of Samuel and Mary (Lay) (Minor) Denison. He died in Westbrook , Conn., 10 March 1792.[2] Westbrook was formerly the west parish of Saybrook.

Samuel married first, in Saybrook, 9 December 1736 **Abigail Conkling/ Conckling** "of Saybrook,"[3] who was probably the one born in Southold, Long Island, about 1712,[4] the daughter of Jacob and Abigail Conkling. Abigail, "wife of Lieut. Samuel Denison," died in Saybrook, 31 May 1766.[5] Samuel married second, **Sybil (Pratt) Kirtland**, widow of Philip Kirtland. Sybil died in Saybrook, 12 March 1786.[6] Samuel married third, in Killingworth, Conn., 28 November 1787 **Anna Pratt**, who died 13 July 1790.[7] He married fourth, in Saybrook, 23 June 1791, **Hannah (Kirtland) Chapman**, widow of Benjamin Chapman and daughter of Philip and Lydia (Marven) Kirtland.[8] All of Samuel's children were by his first wife.

In the inventory of the estate of Samuel's father, Samuel Denison of Saybrook, dated 18 August 1724, Samuel was listed as being twelve years of age.[9]

On 2 July 1738, Samuel and his wife, Abigail, owned the covenant at the First Church in Westbrook.[10] On 20 November 1751 Samuel Denison of Saybrook, for £300, sold to his brother, Gideon Denison of Saybrook, ten acres of land that had formerly belonged to their father, Samuel Denison of Saybrook, deceased. The deed was witnessed by Caleb and Jed Chapman.[11] In a prenuptial agreement signed 22 June 1791, the day

before his fourth marriage, Samuel Denison and his fourth wife, Hannah Chapman, "both of Saybrook," agreed that Hannah was to have all of the belongings from the estate of her late husband, Benjamin Chapman, in addition to the use of one-third part of the dwelling house and adjoining garden, etc.[12]

"Mr." Samuel Denison died intestate. His son, Asa Denison, was named administrator by the court held in Killingworth, 2 October 1792. His moveable estate was valued at £10-10-0, and his real estate at £108-10-0. Distribution of the estate was made 16 January 1793 to son Asa Denison, grandson Samuel Denison, granddaughters Amanda Hedges, Nabby Denison, Phebe Stevens and Lucretia Post, who each received £12 "and sundry articles left in the hands of Anne Pratt." Also mentioned were his granddaughters Lucretia, Charlotte and Mindwell, daughters of his daughter Lucretia, who had married George Havens. Distribution was made by Jonathan Lay, Henry Hill and Abner Kirtland.[13]

Children (**Denison**), all by his first wife, born in the west parish of Saybrook, now Westbrook, Conn., first and last baptized in the Westbrook Church:[14]

i. **Samuel**[6], born 4 May 1738, bapt. 2 July 1738.
ii. **Mary**, born 14 April 1742.
iii. **Abigail**, born 9 June 1744, died young.
iv. **Sarah**, born 20 April 1747.
v. **Asa**, born about 1752; administrator of father's will.
vi. **Lucretia**, bapt. 1 April 1759.

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356. **Mercy/Mary Denison**[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 6 January 1718, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Lay) (Minor) Denison and a twin with her brother, George.[1] Mercy's name at birth was recorded as "Mary" in town records.

Mercy died in Westbrook, Conn., 3 March 1797, aged 79 years, as the widow of her second husband, Gamaliel Kelsey.[2]

Mercy Denison married first, in Saybrook, Conn., 17 Feb. 1736/7 **Nathaniel Chapman,**[3] who was born in Saybrook in October 1714,[4] the son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Spencer) Chapman. Nathaniel died in Westbrook before 8 December 1755.[5]

Mercy married second, in Saybrook 25 March 1762 **Gamaliel Kelsey,**[6] who was born in Killingworth, Conn., 5 December 1714,[7] the son of William and Elizabeth (Sheather) Kelsey. Gamaliel died in Westbrook 21 April 1793.[8] His first wife was Mary Gray whom he had married 11 January 1738/9,[9] and who died 25 December 1758, in her 40th year.

In the inventory of the estate of Mercy's father, Samuel Denison of Saybrook, dated 18 August 1724, Mercy, called "Marcy," was listed as being a twin, six years of age.[10]

In his will dated 9 April 1755, proved 8 December 1755, Mercy's first husband, Nathaniel Chapman, bequeathed half of his dwelling house and one-third of his land to his wife, Mercy. His eldest son, Nathaniel, second son, Gideon, and sons Abishai, Titus, and Lebbeus, were given land, with Nathaniel receiving one-fourth more than his brothers. His daughters, Mercy and Mary, were also given land. Witnesses were Jedediah Chapman, Ephraim Kelcy (*sic*) and Jonathan Bushnell.[11]

Nathaniel and Gideon Chapman died four months after the distribution of their father's estate. In the distribution of their own estates, dated 4 October 1770, their heirs were named as eldest brother Titus, eldest sister Mercy, youngest sister Marah, youngest brother Lebbeus, and second brother Abisha. Distribution was made by Cornelius Post and Reuben Chapman.[12]

Children (**Chapman**), all by her first husband, first child born in the west parish of Saybrook, now Westbrook, Conn.:[13]

i. **Mercy**[6], born 23 November 1737, died 17 March 1738/9.
ii. **Mary**, born 18 September 1739, died 22 October 1739.
iii. **Nathaniel**, born 18 September 1740, bapt. 28 September 1740.
iv. **Mercy**, born 27 December 1742.
v. **Titus**, born 30 September 1744.
vi. **Gideon**, born 22 December 1746.
vii. **Abishai**, born 26 November 1748.
viii. **Lebbeus**, born 1 June 1751, died 23 September 1751.
ix. **Lebbeus**, born 21 November 1752; served in the Revolutionary War.[14]
x. **Mary**, born 21 December 1754.

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357. **George Denison**[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Saybrook, Conn., 6 January 1718, the son of Samuel and Mary (Lay) (Minor) Denison and a twin with his sister, Mercy.[1] He died after 24 February 1775, the date he and his wife, Jemima, sold land to their son, Stephen Denison.[2]

George Denison married in Stonington, about 1740 **Jemima Post** "of Saybrook,"[3] who was born about 1720, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Nettleton) (Stannard) Post.[4] Jemima died after 24 February 1775 when she signed a deed with her husband.[5]

In the inventory of the estate of George's father, Samuel Denison of Saybrook, dated 18 August 1724, George was listed with his brothers and sisters as being a twin, six years of age.[6] On 7 April 1746 George Denison was admitted as a freeman by the town of Saybrook.[7] On 22 April 1752 George Denison and Ephraim Kelcy (*sic*) signed a deed of partition allotting the southeasterly corner of twenty acres to Ephraim Kelcy and the westerly, northerly and northeasterly part to George Denison.[8]

On 18 July 1774, in two separate deeds, George Denison sold to his son, Stephen, two pieces of land, one for £4 and the other for £15. Both deeds were witnessed by James Haven and Asa Denison.[9] On 24 February 1775, in a third deed, George Denison and Jemima Denison, both of Saybrook, sold to their son, Stephen Denison of Saybrook, for £11, a piece of salt meadow in Saybrook called the Hawk's Nest, which contained three quarters of an acre that they owned by virtue of the last will and testament of their honored father, Joseph Post, late of Saybrook, deceased. Witnesses were William Worthington and Edmund Denison.[10]

No probate records have been found for either George or Jemima Denison.

Children (**Denison**), born in the west parish of Saybrook, now Westbrook, Conn., last three baptized in the Westbrook Church:[11]

i. **George**[6], born 13 May 1742.

ii. **Joseph**, born 13 October 1744.
iii. **Stephen**, born 12 October 1746.
iv. **Ezekiel**, born 21 March 1750.
v. **Edmund**, born 10 August 1753.
vi. **Jemima**, born 12 November 1755.
vii. **Hannah**, born 25 October 1758, bapt. 29 October 1758.
viii. **Mercy/Mary**, born 25 May 1761, bapt. 23 June 1761.
ix. **Saba/Sama**, bapt. 22 January (or July) 1764.

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358. **Christopher Denison**[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Saybrook, Conn., in 1720, the son of Samuel and Mary (Lay) (Minor) Denison.[1] He died in Saybrook before 16 February 1762.[2]

Christopher married in Saybrook, 1 March 1742 **Elizabeth Kelsey/Kelcy**[3], who was born in Killingworth, Conn., 28 December 1724,[4] the daughter of William and Phebe (Chittenden) Kelsey. Elizabeth died after 24 June 1768, the date she married second, in Westbrook, Conn., Deacon Robert Lay.[5]

In the inventory of his father's estate, dated 18 August 1724, Christopher was listed as being four years of age.[6]

On 23 January 1744/5 Christopher Denison registered his cattle mark in Saybrook.[7] On 2 January 1750/1, Christopher's father-in-law, William Kelcy (*sic*), gave his daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, Christopher Denison, twenty-three acres of land in the Oyster River quarter of Saybrook township, along with another six acres of land, part of thirty acres he had bought from Ensign Samuel Denison of Saybrook. This deed was witnessed by Jed Chapman and Nathaniel Chittenden.[8]

No probate records have been found for Christopher and Elizabeth Denison. The birth of their eldest son, John, was recorded in Saybrook town records, and the baptism of the youngest child, Mary/Marcy, was recorded in one copy of the Westbrook Church records. All are listed in the Gorham MS and in the *Denison Genealogy*. No other documentation has been found.

Children (**Denison**), apparently born in the Westbrook section of Saybrook, Conn., records found for only the first and last children:[9]

i. **John**[6], born 22 November 1744, recorded in Saybrook.

ii. Probably **Christopher**, born about 1746.
iii. Probably **William**, born about 1748.
iv. Probably **Zina**, born 7 January 1751.
v. Probably **James**, born about 1752.
vi. Probably **Phebe**, born about 1754.
vii. Probably **Elizabeth**, born about 1756.
viii. **Mary/Marcy**, bapt. Westbrook, 28 May 1758.

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359. **Gideon Denison**[5] (*Samuel*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Saybrook, Conn., in November 1723,[1] the son of Samuel and Mary (Lay) (Minor) Denison. He died in the Westbrook parish of Saybrook, 3 August 1795, aged 70 years 10 months.[2]

Gideon Denison married, probably in Saybrook, in May 1752 **Elizabeth Chalker**,[3] who was born in Saybrook 22 May 1730,[4] the daughter of Stephen and Mehitable (Chapman) Chalker. Elizabeth died in Westbrook, 23 June 1803.[5]

Gideon was listed as a baby, only nine months of age, when his father's estate was inventoried 18 August 1724.[6] This age fits his age at death in 1795. On 4 May 1751, the mark that Gideon Denison put on his "creatures" was entered in Saybrook records.[7] Gideon's older brother, Samuel Denison, called Gideon "brother" when he sold him land in the west parish of Saybrook, 20 November 1751, which had belonged to their father, Samuel Denison, Sr.[8]

Elizabeth's father, Stephen Chalker, in his will dated 13 July 1780 and probated 18 November 1783, gave his daughter, "Elizabeth Denison, now wife of Gideon Denison," twenty acres of land lying at the head of Deep River.[9]

Only a few pages of Gideon Denison's probate records have survived. Simeon (or Samuel) Lay was named administrator of Gideon's intestate estate. His inventory, which amounted to £111-6-10, was taken 2 May 1796. On 3 May 1796 Jonathan Lay, Henry Hill and John Post were appointed to set off to the widow, Elizabeth Denison, one-third of the estate as her dower, and to pay Gideon's debts.[10]

When Elizabeth died, also intestate, her son Jedediah Denison, was named administrator. The inventory was taken 10 January 1804 by Jonathan Lay and John Stannard, 2nd, and amounted to $753.71. On 23

August 1804, her estate was divided into nine parts to be distributed, some of which cannot now be accounted for because pages are missing and the records are incomplete. The "heirs of John Denison" were listed in the original probate papers as beneficiaries of Elizabeth's estate, but the probate books say "heirs of Gideon Denison." The remaining heirs were listed as Desire Williard, Elizabeth Dudley, Jedediah Denison, Mehitable Lay, and Clarissa Denison, who each received a 1/9th part.[11]

Children (**Denison**), born in Saybrook, Conn., last six baptized in Westbrook, Conn.:[12]

i. **Gideon**[6], born in 1753; in mother's will but predeceased her.
ii. **Desire**, born 5 May 1755.
iii. **Elizabeth**, born 21 August 1756.
iv. **Jedediah**, born 23 December 1759, bapt. 30 December 1759; served in the Revolutionary War.[13]
v. **Jeremiah**, bapt. 12 April 1761.
vi. **Ezra**, bapt. 22 April 1764.
vii. **Mehitable/Hetty**, born 3 March 1765, bapt. 3 November 1765.
viii. **Molly**, bapt. 2 July 1768; died in 1769.
ix. **Clarissa**, bapt. 26 August 1770.

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360. **Christopher Champlin**[5] (*Elizabeth Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Westerly, R.I., 30 November 1707,[1] the son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Denison) Champlin. He died in Charlestown, R.I., 26 March 1776.[2]

Christopher Champlin married first, in Westerly 22 April 1730 **Hannah Hill**,[3] who was born 7 June 1710,[4] the daughter of John Hill. Hannah died in Charlestown 26 March 1756.[5]

Christopher Champlin married second, in Westerly 19 August 1756 **Lucy Stanton**,[6] who was born 22 September 1722,[7] the daughter of Joseph and Esther (Gallup) Stanton of Charlestown. Lucy died in Charlestown 30 January 1766.[8]

Christopher lived in the part of Westerly which was set off as Charlestown in 1738. He owned a large estate with as many as thirty or thirty-

five slaves. He was a captain in the militia in 1736, a colonel in 1746, and Justice of the Court of Common Pleas.[9] He was listed as a freeman of Charlestown in 1747.[10]

As executor of his father's estate, he was called "Capt. Christopher Champlin of Charlestown" when he paid to his sister, Ann Gardner, wife of Henry Gardner, "the Third," her share of her father's estate, amounting to £300. In 1744 Christopher was called "Colonel" when he paid the same amount to his sister, Elizabeth Belcher, wife of Arnold Belcher of Newport, R.I.[11]

In his will dated 14 April 1769, proved 2 April 1776, Christopher Champlin "of Charlestown, Yeoman, . . . being much indisposed and weak in Body," named his sons as Christopher, Jesse, Robert, George and Joshua (under 21), and his deceased son, John Champlin. [John Champlin's will was dated 14 December 1763 and proved 4 June 1764.[12]] Christopher's daughters were listed as Ruhama Robinson, wife of Christopher Robinson, widow Elizabeth Jenkins, Hannah Thompson, wife of Thomas Thompson, Mary Champlin (under 21 years of age, who later married Samuel Thompson), Lucy Champlin (under 18 years of age, who later married Henry Gardner of South Kingstown, R.I.), Sarah Champlin (under 18 years of age, who later married William Rhodes), and Ann Champlin, (under 21 years of age, who later married Joseph Rhodes). He also mentioned his grandson John Champlin, under 21 years of age, the son of his daughter-in-law, Thankful Champlin. widow of his deceased son, John Champlin, and his grandsons Christopher and George Jenkins, both under 21 years of age.[13] Christopher Champlin's inventory was taken in 1776 and included thirteen negroes, men, women and children, from age 2 to age 60.[14]

Although son Asa Champlin was not mentioned in his father's will, he was still living in 1781, as proved by a deed recorded in Richmond, R.I., dated 10 May 1781, in which all of the children by both wives, heirs of Christopher Champlin, late of Charlestown, deceased, quit-claimed and conveyed their rights to land in Richmond to their brother, Joshua Champlain, youngest son of their deceased father. These children were listed as Christopher Champlin of Newport; George Champlin of Newport, merchant; Jesse Champlin of Charlestown, yeoman; Asa Champlin of Stonington, Conn., yeoman; Robert Champlin of Newport, merchant; John Champlin of Charlestown, yeoman, [apparently the grandson of Christopher Champlin and the son of deceased son John Champlin and his wife, Thankful]; Elizabeth Jenckins (*sic*) of Charlestown, widow; Christopher Robinson of South Kingstown, yeoman, and Ruhamah his wife; Thomas Thompson of Westerly, yeoman, and Hannah his wife; Samuel Thompson of Charlestown, yeoman, and Mary his wife; Lucy Gardner of Charlestown, widow; William Rhodes of Charlestown, and Sarah his wife;

and Nancy Champlin of Charlestown, singlewoman (called "Ann" in her father's will.)[15]

Christopher Champlin is listed in the *DAR Patriot Index* as having given public service to the Patriot cause during the Revolutionary War. He is given an erroneous death date of 1781.[16]

Children (**Champlin**), born in Westerly, R.I.:[17]
By his first wife, Hannah Hill, first four born in Westerly, R.I., rest born in Charlestown, R.I., which was set off from Westerly in 1738:

i. **Christopher**[6], born 7 February 1731.
ii. **John**, born 18 December 1732, died about 1764; married his second cousin, **Thankful Thompson**[6], (*Thankful Stanton*[5], *Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #376:i, page 492].
iii. **Ruhamah**, born 11 January 1735/6.
iv. **Elizabeth**, born 22 May 1737.
v. **George**, born 22 November 1738.
vi. **Jesse**, born 27 June 1741 (twin).
vii. **Asa**, born 27 June 1741 (twin), married his second cousin, **Mary/ Mollie Thompson**[6] (*Thankful Stanton*[5], *Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) [see #376:iv, page 492]; mentioned in brother John Champlin's will dated 14 December 1763,[18] but not mentioned in father's will dated 14 April 1769; joined with brothers and sisters in deeding land to youngest brother, Joshua, in 1781, being called "of Stonington."[19]
viii. **Hannah**, born 13 January 1743; married her second cousin, **Thomas Thompson**[6] (*Thankful Stanton*[5], *Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #376:v, page 492.]
ix. **Mary**, born 9 December 1746; married her second cousin, **Samuel Thompson**[6] (*Thankful Stanton*[5], *Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #376:vi, page 492.]
x. **Robert**, born 8 February 1751.

By his second wife, Lucy Stanton, all born in Charlestown, R.I.:[20]

xi. **Lucy**, born 29 December 1757.
xii. **Sarah**, born 27 March 1759.
xiii. **Joseph**, born 13 April 1761, died 29 August 1761.
xiv. **Anna/Nancy**, born 8 September 1762.
xv. **Joshua**, born 5 September 1764.

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361. **Joseph Champlin**[5] (*Elizabeth Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Westerly, R.I., 4 August 1709,[1] the son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Denison) Champlin. He died in Stonington, Conn., 20 December 1792.[2]

Joseph Champlin married first, in Stonington about 1731 **Rebecca Chesebrough,**[3] who was born in Stonington 16 March 1711/2 and baptized there 8 May 1712,[4] the daughter of Elihu and Hannah (Minor) Chesebrough of Stonington. Rebecca died in Westerly, R.I., in late 1751, before the final division of her father's estate.[5]

Joseph Champlin married second, in Stonington 21 February 1753 **Mary Noyes,**[6] who was born in Stonington 14 August 1725,[7] the daughter of John Noyes and his first wife, Mary Gallup. Mary died in Windham, Conn., in 1805.[8]

Joseph Champlin apparently lived in Westerly, R.I., during the early years of his married life with his first wife, Rebecca, but he and Rebecca brought their eight children over to Stonington, Conn., for baptism, where their births were recorded. Joseph's name was on the list of freemen in Westerly in 1747.[9] He lived in Westerly, until 1765 when he moved to Stonington after buying 100 acres of land in Stonington from Joseph Minor.[10] He has been credited with service in the Revolutionary War.[11]

Rebecca was called "Rebeccah Champlin" by her father, Elihu Chesebrough, in his will, and was given £400. Her mother, Hannah Chesebrough, died near the end of 1751 and a final division of her husband's estate included an item for the payment of one share of her estate to "the Heirs of Rebekah Champn," amounting to £131-16-4.[12]

In the records of the First Congregational Church of Stonington, the marriage entry for Joseph Champlin and his second wife, Mary Noyes, referred to him as "Lieut. Joseph Champlin.[13] In the executor's bond signed by his widow, Mary, he was called "Col. Joseph Champlin." He was given the same designation in his inventory dated 6 March 1793.[14]

Joseph Champlin's undated will, in which he was called "Joseph Champlin of Stonington," was probated 8 January 1793. In it he left "to my Loving Wife Mary Champlin One third part of all my Estate . . . and my Negro wench Named Cloe . . . at the death of my wife . . . to be set at liberty and have her Freedom." His son, Joseph Champlin, was given "all the remainder of my Estate both Real & Personal . . . providing For his Honoured Mother." Since some of his children had already received gifts of money or property from him, the amounts or items left to them in his will do not represent the degree of esteem in which he held them. Son Elihu was given six shillings, son Charles £8, and son William six shillings. Among his daughters, Lydia Hancox was willed "to the Value of 4 Pounds Lawful money . . . in Eatables." Temperance Noyes was given "One good Cow." Mary Eldridge, "the wife of Jonathan Eldridge One Shilling," Anna Minor six shillings, Sarah Kinyon "One good Cow," and Elizabeth Buddington was bequeathed an assortment of household furniture, including a "half Dozen fiddle back Chairs . . . and half Dozen Puter plates." To the heirs of his daughter "Easther Langford Deceasd" he gave one shilling each. The witnesses were Amos Cheseborough, Joseph Noyes and Joseph Noyes, Jr.[15]

Children (**Champlin**), born in Westerly, R.I., and Stonington, Conn.:
By his first wife, Rebecca Chesebrough, baptized in the First Church of Stonington:[16]

i. **Lydia**[6], bapt. 7 October 1733.
ii. **Joseph**, bapt. 17 February 1733/4, died young.
iii. **Esther**, bapt. 11 January 1735/6.
iv. **Elihu**, born 7 October 1737, bapt. 19 June 1737 (*sic*).
v. **Christopher**, bapt. 29 April 1739; died 16 July 1781, leaving heirs but not mentioned in father's will; served in the Revolutionary War.
vi. **Uriah Oliver**, bapt. 18 April 1742; probably died young.
vii. **Rebecca**, bapt. 2 October 1743, died aged 13 years.
viii. **Anna**, bapt. 25 August 1745.

By his second wife, Mary Noyes:[17]

ix. **Charles**, born 24 March 1754; served in the Revolutionary War.
x. **Mary**, born in 1755/6.
xi. **William**, born in 1757; served in the Revolutionary War.
xii. **Temperance**, born in 1758/9.
xiii. **Sarah**, born in 1759/60.
xiv. **Rebeccah**, born in 1761, died aged 13 years.
xv. **Joseph**, born in 1762.
xvi. **Elizabeth**, born in 1764.
xvii. **Oliver**, born in 1766, died young.

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362. **Ann Champlin**[5] (*Elizabeth Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Westerly, R.I., 29 March 1714,[1] the daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Denison) Champlin. She died perhaps at South Kingstown, R.I., sometime after 31 March 1751, when the birth of her last child was recorded there.[2]

Ann Champlin "of Westerly" married in South Kingstown 27 June 1736 **Henry Gardner, 3rd,**[3] who was born in North Kingstown 16 June 1714,[4] the son of Henry and Desire (Havens) Gardner of South Kingstown. Henry probably died there after 1751.[5]

On 8 March 1738/9 Ann Gardner and her husband, called "Henry Gardner the Third," signed a receipt for £300, her share of the estate of her father, Christopher Champlin, which they had received from her brother, Capt. Christopher Champlin.[6] Ann's mother, Elizabeth Champlin, in her will dated 19 November 1749, proved 4 December 1749, called her daughter "Ann Gardner."[7]

No probate records have been found for Henry and Ann Gardner.

Children (**Gardner**), born in South Kingstown, R.I.:[8]

i. **Christopher**[6], born 7 February 1737.
ii. **George**, born 3 January 1739.
iii. **Jonathan**, born 14 October 1741.
iv. **Henry**, born 10 June 1748.
v. **James**, born 30 September 1749.
vi. **Desire**, born 31 March 1751.

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363. **Elizabeth Champlin**[5] (*Elizabeth Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Westerly, R.I., 10 January 1718/9,[1] the daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Denison) Champlin. The date of Elizabeth's death is not known.

Elizabeth married probably in Westerly, before 6 November 1744 **Arnold Belcher**,[2] who was born in Newport, R.I., posthumously, about 1716,[3] the son of Benjamin and Sarah (Collins) Belcher of Newport.

Arnold's father, Benjamin Belcher, in his will dated 14 April 1716, proved 7 May 1716, mentioned his wife Sarah, his sons Benjamin and Edward, both under age, "and the child my wife now goes with."[4] Arnold's brother, Edward Belcher of Newport, on 22 June 1747, married Lydia Howland of Newport, a daughter of Joseph[3] Howland (*Jabez*[2], *John*[1]) and his wife, Bathsheba Cary.[5]

Arnold Belcher was a mariner and shipwright. He was baptized in Trinity Church, Newport, 30 September 1736, as an adult, with his parent's names not given.[6] On 6 November 1744 Arnold Belcher of Newport signed a receipt for £150 which, with what they had received before, constituted the legacy given to his wife, Elizabeth, by her father, Christopher Champlin.[7]

No known children have been found for Arnold and Elizabeth (Champlin) Belcher. The marriages of two girls, Sylvestre and Elizabeth Belcher, were recorded in Westerly, R.I., Sylvestre to Oliver Babcock on 2 July 1761, and Elizabeth to Job Stanton on 11 November 1764.[8] Bartlett, in "Belcher Families of Rhode Island," suggests that they may have been the daughters of Arnold and Elizabeth (Champlin) Belcher but according to the *Babcock Genealogy*, the Silvia (*sic*) Belcher who married Oliver Babcock was the daughter of *John* Belcher.[9]

No probate records have been found for Arnold and Elizabeth Belcher. Nothing more is known about them.

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364. **Jabez Champlin**[5] (*Elizabeth Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Westerly, R.I., 31 August 1728,[1] the son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Denison) Champlin. He died in Newport, R.I., 4 January 1805, in his 78th yr.,[2] called "Col. Jabez Champlin."

Jabez married in Newport, 26 August 1750 **Hannah Gibbs**,[3] who was born about 1732, the daughter of George Gibbs and his first wife, Hannah

Claggett.[4] She was a half-sister of Sarah Gibbs who married Jabez's brother, Oliver Champlin. Hannah died in Newport 26 January 1796, in her 64th year, called the wife of Col. Jabez Champlin.[5]

Jabez Champlin was given £500 by his father, Christopher Champlin of Charlestown, in his will dated 12 October 1734, proved 28 October 1734. He was also mentioned by his mother, Elizabeth Champlin, in her will dated 19 November 1749, proved 4 December 1749.[6] Jabez and his wife were also mentioned in the will of his wife's father, George Gibbs, in 1755.[7]

On 3 June 1765 Jabez Champlin was appointed one of the administrators of the estate of Maurice Townsend, along with Stephen Ayrault and Samuel Carr.[8]

No probate records have been found for Jabez or Hannah Champlin in Newport.

Children (**Champlin**), born in Newport, R.I.:[9]

i. **Hannah**[6], born 24 August 1751.
ii. **George Stiles**, born 5 April 1753.

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365. **Oliver Champlin**[5] (*Elizabeth Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Westerly, R.I., 12 May 1730,[1] the son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Denison) Champlin. He died at sea in September 1762.[2]

Oliver Champlin married in Newport, R.I., 20 July 1759 **Sarah Gibbs**,[3] who was born in Newport 4 January 1737,[4] the daughter of George Gibbs and his second wife, Ruth Hart. She was a half-sister of Hannah Gibbs who married Oliver's brother, Jabez Champlin. Sarah died in Newport, 17 March 1821, called "widow of Capt. Oliver Champlin and sister of the late George Gibbs."[5]

Oliver Champlin was given £500 by his father, Christopher Champlin, in his will dated 12 October 1734, probated 28 October 1734. He was also mentioned by his mother, Elizabeth Champlin, in her will dated 19 November 1749, proved 4 December 1749.[6]

Captain Oliver Champlin died at sea, intestate. On 7 March 1763 George Gibbs, Oliver's brother-in-law, was appointed administrator of the

estate of Oliver Champlin, mariner, of Newport, with instructions to submit an accounting before the first Monday of March 1764.[7] George Gibbs of Newport, merchant, died before 3 December 1803, the date his will was probated. In his will dated 2 October 1803, with a codicil dated 4 October 1803, George mentioned, among his heirs, his sister, Sarah Champlin and her daughter Ruth.[8]

On 21 May 1821, Oliver and Sarah's only known daughter, Ruth Champlin of Newport, single woman, was granted letters of administration on the estate of her honored mother, Sarah Champlin, late of Newport, widow.[9] Ruth herself, was called "daughter of the late Capt. Oliver [Champlin]" when she died at Newport, August 17, 1830, at 70 years of age.[10]

Child (**Champlin**), baptized in Trinity Church, Newport, R.I.:[11]

i. **Ruth**[6], bapt. 10 August 1760.

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366. **Mary Champlin**[5] (*Elizabeth Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Westerly, R.I., 29 June 1731,[1] the daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Denison) Champlin. She died after 1 July, 1771, the date recorded for the birth of her eighth child.[2]

Mary Champlin married in Westerly, R.I., 26 October 1749 **Stephen Lanphere**[3], who was born in Westerly 5 February 1725/6,[4] the son of Theodosius and Rachel (Covey) Lanphere. Stephen died after 26 May 1760, the date he presented the inventory for his mother, widow Rachel Lanphere.[5]

Mary Champlin was given £400 by her father, Christopher Champlin, in his will dated 12 October 1734, probated 28 October 1734. She was still called "Mary Champlin" in the will of her mother, Elizabeth Champlin, dated 19 November 1749, proved 4 December 1749, although her marriage to Stephen Lanphere was recorded in Westerly one month previously, 26 October 1749.[6]

Stephen Lanphere was given five shillings in the will of his father, Theodosius Lanphere, dated 5 January 1737, proved 27 November 1749.[7]

No probate records have been found for Stephen and Mary Lanphere.

Children (**Lanphere**), born in Westerly, R.I.:[8]

i. **Champlin**[6], born 14 July 1750.
ii. **Amey**, born 20 April 1753.
iii. **Susannah**, born 25 February 1755.
iv. **Huldah**, born 14 March 1760.
v. **Anson**, born 22 February 1764, died 9 March 1764.
vi. **Anson, 2d**, born 28 January 1765.
vii. **Lua**, born 6 December 1768.
viii. **Polly**, born 1 July 1771.

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367. **Desire Williams**[5] (*Desire Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 25 August 1712 and baptized 25 May 1718,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Denison) Williams. She died after 10 January 1775, the date she bought items at the public sale of her husband's insolvent estate, being called "Mrs. Dezier Chesebrough."[2]

Desire Williams married in Stonington 2 December 1729 **Amos Chesebrough**,[3] who was born in Stonington 2 February 1708/9,[4] the son of Sgt. Samuel and Priscilla (Alden) Chesebrough, Jr. Amos Chesebrough died in Stonington before 18 September 1770,[5] the day his will was probated. Amos was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Alden.

Amos Chesebrough was an officer in the militia, being called "Capt.," in the birth entries of some of his children in Stonington town records, and "Col." in various documents among his probate papers. On 26 January 1735, Amos and his wife, Desire, owned the covenant in the First Congregational Church of Stonington.[6]

Amos Chesebrough served as co-executor, with his mother, of the estate of his father, Sgt. Samuel Chesebrough, Jr., whose will was dated 19 January 1735/6, and proved in February 1736/7.[7]

Amos Chesebrough, in his will dated 26 May 1770, proved 18 September 1770, "being Sick and Weak in Body," gave his wife, Desire, one-third of his house and real estate, all of his household goods, three negroes, and various livestock and provisions. He gave each of his sons, Amos, Samuel, John and Joshua Chesebrough parcels of land as well as various other items. Daughters Disier (*sic*) Minor, Lydia Minor, Priscilla Chesebrough, Mary Palmer, Hannah Stanton and Elizabeth Chesebrough each received

furniture, gold or silver buttons, or livestock. Priscilla and Elizabeth (called under 18 years of age), were both permitted the use of rooms in the house as long as they remained single. Son Samuel Chesebrough was appointed sole executor. The inventory, dated 16 January 1772, totaled £525-18-11, and included negroes, land and buildings, but the claims of creditors, dated 2 March 1772, amounted to £1447-13-11½. Numerous probate documents show that a long, litigious dispute between executors, relatives and creditors continued for many years. A petition to the court dated 16 April 1776, presented by Paul Wheeler for the creditors, stated that the estate was insolvent. The settlement of debts dragged on until after June 1790.[8]

Children (**Chesebrough**), born and baptized in Stonington, Conn.:[9]

i. **Amos**[6], born 31 December 1730, bapt. 20 April 1735.
ii. **Desire**, born 14 March 1732/3, bapt. 20 April 1735.
iii. **Lydia/Esther**, born 1 December 1735, recorded as Lydia, baptized 25 January 1735/6 as Esther.
iv. **Priscilla**, born 11 June 1738, bapt. 16 July 1738.
v. **Mary**, born 13 November 1740, bapt. 5 April 1741.
vi. **Samuel**, born 3 April 1743, bapt. 8 May 1743.
vii. **Hannah**, born 27 September 1745, bapt. 3 November 1745.
viii. **John**, born 4 April 1748, bapt. 22 May 1748.
ix. **Joshua**, born 14 October 1750, bapt. 9 June 1751.
x. **Elizabeth**, bapt. 27 July 1755.

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368. **John Williams**[5] (*Desire Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 11 March 1714 and baptized 25 May 1718,[1] the son of John and Desire (Denison) Williams. John Williams died after 8 June 1761, the date he was named executor of the estate of his brother, Robert Williams, and before 10 October 1763, the date his daughter, Desire Chesebrough, signed a deposition concerning her father's will.[2]

John Williams married in Stonington 25 December 1736 **Lydia Chesebrough,**[3] who was born in Stonington 10 March 1709/10,[4] the daughter of Elihu and Hannah (Minor) Chesebrough. Lydia died in the fall of 1790.[5]

John Williams and his family lived in Stonington. On 26 November 1738 John Williams, Jr., and his wife, Lydia, owned the covenant in the First Church of Stonington.[6] Lydia Williams. wife of John, was admitted into membership there on 16 January 1742/3.[7]

Lydia was referred to as "my well-beloved Daughter . . . Lydia Williams," in the will of her father, Elihu Chesebrough of Stonington, from whom she received a legacy of £400.[8] The probate papers for the estate of her mother, Hannah Chesebrough, dated 1752, also contained a payment to her daughter Lydia Williams.[9]

Robert Williams, John's brother, died 8 June 1761, naming John as his executor.[10] Desier Chesebrough, in a deposition dated 10 October 1763, described a conversation between her brother, John, and her father, shortly before their father's death. John asked to be excused from being his father's executor because such time-consuming service would be a burden to him and his family. He said that the one to whom the principal part of the estate was left should be the executor. With the offer of £100, son John, "much affected, answered yes."[11]

After an extensive search, the only probate records found for John Williams was an administrator's bond dated 2 November 1790, signed by John Williams and John Williams, 3rd, with John Williams, apparently the son, being the administrator of the estate of Lydia Williams of Stonington.[12]

Children (**Williams**), born and baptized in Stonington, Conn.:[13]

i. **Desire**[6], born 10 July 1737, bapt. 31 December 1738.
ii. **Lydia**, 30 March 1739, bapt. 6 May 1739.
iii. **Prudence**, born 11 December 1741, bapt. 7 March 1741/2.
iv. **Hannah**, born 16 January 1743/4, bapt. 11 March 1743/4.
v. **John**, born 1 July 1746, bapt. in 1746.
vi. **Elihu**, born 29 July 1748.
vii. **Thankful**, bapt. 14 April 1751.
viii. **Israel**, born 4 April 1755.
ix. **Zerviah**, born 19 April 1757.

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369. **William Williams**[5] (*Desire Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 1 May 1716 and baptized 25 May 1718,[1] the son of John and Desire (Denison) Williams. He died in Stonington 27 July 1801, in his 86th year.[2]

William Williams married first, in Stonington 15 February 1737/8 **Martha Wheeler**,[3] who was born in Stonington 23 April 1717,[4] the daughter of William and Hannah (Gallup) Wheeler. Martha died in Stonington before March 1785,[5] when William married his second wife.

William married second, in Stonington 17 March 1785 **Mary Hewitt** of New London,[6] a widow who has sometimes been called "Jewett." She died between 9 May 1792 when she made her will, and 4 June 1799, when her will was probated.[7] Mary Hewitt did not have any children by her marriage to William Williams but, according to her will, she had an only son, William Prince, and several daughters by her previous husbands,[8] none of them descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

William Williams and his family lived in Stonington. His first wife, Martha, was called "my third daughter" in the will of her father, William Wheeler, dated 13 August 1747, proved 24 August 1747.[9] In it she and her husband were given land in Stonington on the Groton line. In the will of her mother, Hannah Wheeler, dated 8 June 1753, proved 7 September 1754, Martha was called "Martha Williams," one of the six daughters who each received equal shares of the bulk of their mother's estate. William Williams joined his five brothers-in-law in signing a receipt for these legacies from his mother-in-law's estate.[10]

William Williams did not leave a will, but among the probate records relating to his intestate estate was a promissory note dated 24 February 1795, "to pay my daughter Desire Hull and her husband Latham Hull the Sum of Fifty Pounds." Sons Ephraim Williams and Isaac Williams were appointed administrators of their father's estate, and signed an administrator's bond 5 October 1801. Isaac Williams filed an account for his expenses in settling the estate since 27 July 1801.[11]

Children (**Williams**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[12]

i. **Martha**[6], born 25 September 1738.
ii. **William**, born 14 July 1740.
iii. **Esther**, born 8 January 1743.
iv. **John**, born 23 December 1744.
v. **Benadam**, born 17 March 1747.
vi. **Hannah**, born 31 May 1749, died 17 November 1752.
vii. **Desire**, born 24 January 1750/1.
viii. **Hannah**, born 17 June 1753.
ix. **Ephraim**, born 31 May 1756.
x. **Isaac**, born 23 March 1758.

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370. **Thankful Williams**[5] (*Desire Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 8 February 1717/8 and baptized 25 May 1718,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Denison) Williams. She died in Stonington 2 May 1767.[2]

Thankful Williams married in Stonington 31 January 1734 **Avery Denison,**[3] who was born in Stonington in 1712,[4] the son of William and Mary (Avery) Denison. Avery Denison died in Stonington 3 April 1775, aged 63 years.[5]

Avery Denison and his family lived in North Stonington where he served as the town constable, as shown by a receipt he signed for money from the estate of Dr. William Denison, in which he was called, "Avery Denison, Constable."[6]

Avery's father, Capt. William Denison, in his will dated 13 February 1730/1, proved 26 February 1730/1, called Avery one of his two eldest sons and gave him half of his real estate including the dwelling house.[7]

Avery Denison of Stonington made his will 3 January 1775, proved 6 June 1775. No wife was mentioned, Thankful having died eight months earlier. Son Elisha Denison was given "the Sterry Farm," and son William, "who lately movd to The Westward of Hudsons River," received the homestead farm. Son Avery Denison inherited a sorrel horse, saddle, bridle, gold sleeve buttons, one-third of his father's wearing apparel, and some sheep when he became 21 years of age. Bequests were made to his daughters, Desire Minor, Prudence Noyes, Mercy Eels, Thankful Stewart and Zerviah and Rebecka Williams. Granddaughter Mary Denison "and her Little Sister Betsey who is in the West Indies," were given a third of the household goods. Son William Denison was named guardian of his younger brother, Avery. Grandson Avery Denison Noyes received silver shoe and knee buckles. Son William was named executor of the will. Witnesses were Joseph Smith, Daniel Smith and Lemuel Smith. The inventory, dated in April 1775, totaled more than £1082-19-1, including £798 for the two farms.[8]

Children (**Denison**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[9]

i. **Elisha**[6], born 3 November 1734.
ii. **Nathan**, born 12 August 1736, died 3 October 1737.
iii. **William**, born 22 March 1738.

iv. **Desire**, born 5 January 1739.
v. **Mary/Molly**, born 8 November 1741.
vi. **Prudence**, born 3 October 1743.
vii. **Mercy**, born 7 November 1745.
viii. **Thankful**, born 19 July 1747.
ix. **Zerviah**, born 13 July 1752.
x. **Rebecca**, born 24 March 1754.
xi. **Avery**, born 16 April 1756.

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371. **Mercy Williams**[5] (*Desire Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 7 November 1719 and baptized 19 June 1720,[1] the daughter of John and Desire (Denison) Williams. She died in Stonington after 17 April 1766, the date her dower was set off to her.[2]

Mercy Williams married in Stonington 7 February 1738/9 **Thomas Wheeler**,[3] who was born in Stonington 16 March 1720 and baptized 19 June 1720,[4] the son of Thomas and Mary (Minor) Wheeler. Thomas Wheeler probably died in Stonington in December 1760.[5] It has been stated that Mercy (Williams) Wheeler married second, Thomas Hurlbut but no evidence of such a marriage has been found.

Thomas and Mercy Wheeler lived in Stonington where they raised their children. Thomas was called "Lt." in his probate records. His father, Capt. Thomas Wheeler, in his will dated 24 June 1755 and probated 6 November 1755, listed Thomas as the first among his sons. Thomas inherited all of his father's lands in Litchfield and one-eighth part of his other lands, as well as a proprietor's right in Stonington.[6]

Lt. Thomas Wheeler of Stonington. in his will dated 28 November 1760, probated 5 January 1761, gave his wife, Mercy, the use and improvement of one-third of his real estate, a young negro woman, Tolara, the best bed and furniture, one mare, two cows and ten sheep. Mercy was directed to bring up and support their children, and was given the use of the entire estate until son Thomas reached the age of 21 years. Son Thomas was given the homestead farm in Stonington, a silver tankard, silver watch. silver-hilted sword, silver-headed cane, gold sleeve buttons, and all of his father's clothes, as well as all of the negroes not given to others. Son Rufus received the farm at Tangwonk, in Stonington. Daughter Mary Wheeler was given a negro girl named Bina, a black mare, two cows, ten

sheep, two good beds and other household goods. Daughter Mercy Gardner received only five shillings, having received her portion earlier. Daughter Desire Wheeler was given a negro girl named Rone, and £100. The three youngest daughters, Martha, Mehetabel and Zerviah were each given £100. Each child was bequeathed a Bible and all of them were to be "well Schooled and Educated in a Christian Education." Permission was given to sell some of his lands, if necessary. Wife Mercy was made sole executrix. Witnesses were Isaac Smith, Robert Williams and William Wheeler.[7]

Thomas Wheeler's probate papers also contain receipts from some of his children for their legacies, all dated Stonington. They were signed by Mary Miner, wife of Clement Miner, Jr., dated 4 November 1763, from Mary Gardner, wife of Christopher Gardner, 2nd, dated 26 July 1764, from Desire Watson, wife of John Watson, dated 7 July 1765, and from Thomas Wheeler, dated 28 December 1765. The inventory totaled £4288-5-7, and included £2966-0-0 in real estate as well as six negroes. On 17 April 1766, a committee set off one-third of the real estate to the widow, Mercy Wheeler.[8]

Children (**Wheeler**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[9]

i. **Mary**[6], born 22 April 1741.
ii. **Marcy**, born 22 January 1742/3.
iii. **Thomas**, born 12 October 1744.
iv. **Thankful**, born 20 May 1747.
v. **Desire**, born 25 November 1748.
vi. **Prudence**, born 24 April 1751.
vii. **Martha**, born 14 October 1752.
viii. **Mehitable**, born 10 May 1754.
ix. **Rufus**, born 15 December 1755.
x. **Zerviah**, born about 1757; named in father's will.
xi. **John**, born 23 March 1760.

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372. **Thomas Williams**[5] (*Desire Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 20 September 1721 and baptized 6 May 1722,[1] the son of John and Desire (Denison) Williams. Thomas died at the Groton Heights Massacre, 6 September 1781.[2]

Thomas Williams married in Stonington 11 October 1742 **Mercy/ Mary/Marcy Raymond** of New London,[3] the daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Christopher) Raymond and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Elder William Brewster. Mercy died after 27 May 1782, the date her husband's intestate estate was distributed.[4]

Thomas Williams lived with his family in Stonington. He served as a private in the Revolutionary War,[5] and was killed in the raid on New London and Groton which was conducted by Loyalist troops under the traitor Benedict Arnold.

Mercy was named by her father, Joshua Raymond of New London, Esq., in his will dated 14 February 1763 and proved 13 December 1763, in which he said, "Having given to my daughter Mercy Williams a Considerable portion of my Estate I now Give her *Erkines Sermons*, which I reckon in full of her Portion out of my Estate."[6] The division of the estate of Joshua Raymond, Esq., and his wife, Elizabeth, "which Elizabeth when sole was Elizabeth Christopher," was made 22 November 1771. In it "Thomas Williams in Right of his wife Marcy . . . one of ye daughters of the said deceased," was given a part of a lot in New London.[7]

Thomas Williams died intestate. The inventory of his estate, dated 5 December 1781, had a total value of £1304-6-9, and included 177 acres and buildings in Stonington, north of the Post Road. Thomas William's wife, Mercy, and her brother, Joshua Raymond, signed a bond on 4 December 1781, as administrators of Thomas Williams' estate. Mercy received her widow's thirds in a distribution dated 27 May 1781.[8]

Children (**Williams**), born and baptized in Stonington, Conn.:[9]

i. **John**[6], born 27 July 1743, bapt. 31 July 1743.
ii. **Mercy**, born 24 January 1744/5, bapt. 7 April 1745.
iii. **Elizabeth**, born 25 January 1747/8, bapt, 3 April 1748.
iv. **Lucy**, born 5 February 1752, bapt. 10 May 1752.

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373. **Robert Williams**[5] (*Desire Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 8 March 1722/3 and baptized 9 June 1723,[1] the son of John and Desire (Denison) Williams. He died in Stonington 8 June 1761, at 38 years of age.[2]

Robert Williams married in Stonington 29 October 1747 **Rebecca Mumford** "of Fisher's Island,[3] who was born in South Kingstown, R.I., 2 May 1723,[4] the daughter of George and Mary (Robinson) Mumford. Rebecca died after 10 April 1764,[5] the date her account as an executrix of her husband's estate was accepted by the court.

Robert Williams and his family lived in Stonington. In his will dated 27 April 1761 and proved 21 July 1761, Robert Williams gave one-third of his personal estate, and his Negro woman named Dinah, to his wife, Rebecca. His son, Robert, was to have the other two-thirds of the real estate when he became 21, as well as his gold and silver buckles, wearing apparel and his writing desk. The three daughters, Abigail, Mary and Rebecca, all under 18, were given the remaining two-thirds of his personal estate. Abigail was given a Negro girl named Hannah. Mary and Rebecca received legacies of £15 each. Robert's widow Rebecca and his brother, John Williams, were named joint executors. Witnesses were Nathaniel Gallup, Jr., Martha Denison and Martha Gallup.[6]

On 2 February 1764, Mrs. Rebecca Williams was appointed as guardian of her children, Robert, Mary and Rebecca Williams. As her husband's executrix, Rebecca's account dated 10 April 1764, included an item, "To Gravestones for Father . . . Ditto for 3 children," implying that they had at least three children who died young.[7]

Children (**Williams**), born and baptized in Stonington, Conn.:[8]

i. **Abigail**[6], born 15 December 1748, bapt. 18 June 1749.
ii. **Robinson**, born 29 December 1750, bapt. 19 May 1751; apparently died young.
iii. **Mary**, born 8 December 1752, bapt. 20 May 1753 "at West Parish."
iv. **Robert**, born 15 May 1755.
v. **Rebecca**, born 14 November 1757.

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374. **George Williams**[5] (*Desire Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 8 July 1728,[1] the son of John and Desire (Denison) Williams. He died in Montville, Conn., 11 August 1775.[2]

George Williams married in Stonington 3 November 1748 **Eunice Avery** "of Groton,"[3] who was born in Groton, Conn., 2 March 1726/7,[4] the

daughter of Ebenezer and Dorothy (Park) Avery. Eunice died in Stonington 24 June 1812.[5]

George Williams and his family lived in Stonington where their children were born. On 25 March 1750, Eunice, wife of George Williams, was admitted into full communion with the First Church of Stonington, coming with a recommendation from the First Church of Groton.[6]

Eunice was called "my daughter Unis" in the will of her father, Ebenezer Avery of Groton, dated 24 March 1746/7, and proved 20 August 1752. She was listed as under 21 years of age. She received 20 acres of land in Groton, six cows with calves, a horse of four or five years of age, various household goods, a yoke of old steers, thirty sheep and £50 in bills of credit.[7]

George Williams, in his will dated 2 July 1775, proved 2 September 1775, referred to himself as "of New London . . . Being in a poor State of health." To his wife, Eunice, he left the use and improvement of his homestead farm, half of his farming tools, all of his household goods, and all of his livestock "until My Son Jesse Arrive to ye Age of Fourteen years old." Son George was given all of his father's lands in New London and elsewhere, along with his sword, ten silver buttons, and all of his clothes. Sons Solomon, Dudley, Robert, Ebenezer and Jesse received a variety of clothing, silver buttons, grain and produce. Daughter Prudence Avery was given £10 worth of livestock. Daughters Eunice, Bridgett and Dezier, all unmarried, received household furniture, gold buttons and stone jewels set in silver. Wife Eunice and son George were named as executors. Witnesses were John Comstock, Samuel Powers and Peleg Church. The inventory dated 6 September 1775, amounted to £942-0-2, including £668-5-0 for 148½ acres of land.[8]

Children (**Williams**), born and baptized in Stonington, Conn,:[9]

i. **Prudence**[6], born 25 July 1749, bapt. 25 March 1750.
ii. **George**, born 2 November 1751, bapt. 26 February 1752.
iii. **Eunice**, born about 1753; mentioned in father's will.
iv. **Solomon**, born 19 September 1756.
v. **Welthea**, born 5 September 1758, "for the future to be called **Bridget**."
vi. **Amos**, born 23 August 1760.
vii. **Desire**, born 23 October 1763.
viii. **Dudley**, born 30 September 1765.
ix. **Robert**, born 20 January 1768.
x. **Ebenezer**, mentioned in father's will.
xi. **Jesse**, mentioned in father's will.

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375. **Robert Stanton**[5] (*Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 2 August 1716,[1] the son of Thomas and Thankful (Denison) Stanton. He died in Stonington 10 June 1779.[2]

Robert Stanton married in Stonington 26 May 1736 **Anna Stanton,**[3] called "both of Stonington." Anna was born in Stonington 24 August 1714,[4] the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Chesebrough) Stanton. Her date of death is not known but it was probably some time after 1752, the estimated birth of her youngest child.[5]

Robert Stanton was called "of South Kingstown, R.I.," when he was appointed as the administrator of the estate of his father, Thomas Stanton, 26 September 1751.[6] No more information has been found for Robert and Anna Stanton.

Children (**Stanton**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[7]

i. ?**Cynthia**[6], born 16 October 1736; not in the Barbour Collection.
ii. **Robert**, born 16 March 1739.
iii. ?**Mary**, born 8 November 1741; not in the Barbour Collection.*
iv. ?**Anna**, born 25 August 1745; not in the Barbour Collection.
v. ?**Abigail**, born 1 May 1748; not in the Barbour Collection.
vi. **Thomas**, born about 1750.
vii. **Thankful**, born about 1752.

* Wheeler states that the Mary Stanton in this family was the one who married Col. Henry Babcock, born in 1736, not her aunt of the same name who is supposed to have married Nathan Babcock. This problem has not been resolved.

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376. **Thankful Stanton**[5] (*Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 21 July 1718 and baptized there 24 August 1718,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Thankful (Denison)

Stanton. She died after 13 May 1783, the date she received household goods from her husband's estate.[2]

Thankful Stanton married in Stonington 24 March 1736 **Elias Thompson,**[3] who was born 14 November 1708,[4] the son of Isaac and Mary (Holmes) Thompson. Elias Thompson died in Westerly, R.I., before 9 April 1781,[5] the date his will was probated.

Elias and Thankful Thompson lived in Westerly and raised their children there. Elias was called "third son" in the will of his father, Isaac Thompson of Westerly, dated 16 August 1736.[6] Stonington Church records of 5 May 1742 list Elias Thompson as one of the eight representatives involved in forming a church "at Charlestown and Westerly in the Rhode Island Government."[7] On 30 June 1740, Elias Thompson was chosen as their guardian by [his nephews] Joshua and Daniel Babcock, sons of Daniel Babcock, deceased.[8] At numerous times during the 1760s and 1770s Westerly records show that meetings of the Town Council were held in the house of Major, then Colonel, Elias Thompson. These same records contain an extremely rare kind of indenture, in which Col. Elias Thompson entered into a long-term agreement with Orson, a "Mustee Fellow" [an octoroon]. Orson had just finished his time as an apprentice to Elias Thompson and was now deciding his future. In return for £100 a year, meals, clothing and lodging, Orson bound himself to serve Col. Thompson, or his heirs, for a period of seventy years. As a protection to Orson's well-being, provisions were made for oversight by the Town Council.[9]

Elias Thompson, in his will dated 30 April 1778 and proved 9 April 1781, mentioned his wife, Thankful, who was bequeathed a negro woman, Jane, a negro boy, Pomp, his best horse and best side-saddle and bridle, the best bed, the use and improvement of one-third of all of his real estate, and all of the household goods she needed. At her death, the household goods were to go to their daughter, Mary Champlin. Son Elias was given only five shillings and his father's clothes, "because he hath Disobeyed me & involved himself foolishly in Debt and turned himself & his Family upon me to Maintain." Sons Thomas, Samuel and Robert Thompson were given land and property. Three grandsons, Elias, Standon [Stanton?] and Joseph Thompson, sons of Elias Thompson, Jr., were given the real estate that might normally have gone to their father, Elias, Jr. Elias, Sr., also supported the orphaned children of his daughter, Thankful Champlin, deceased, who had married her second cousin, John Champlin[6] (*Christopher Champlin[5], Elizabeth Denison[4], Mercy Gorham[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*), also deceased. Elias Thompson appointed his wife, Thankful, and his son, Thomas, as joint executors. Witnesses were Dr. William Vincent, Elkanah Babcock and Joseph Crandall.[10] The inventory, dated 9 April 1781, totaled £222-3-10 and was appraised by Dr. William Vincent and Christopher Babcock, Esq.[11]

Subsequent Town Council records show that Elias Thompson left so many debts that the estate was declared insolvent. It was necessary for the heirs to give back part or all of their inherited lands, which were sold to satisfy debts. The last record found concerning the estate was dated 13 May 1783 when various household goods were set off to the widow, Thankful.[12]

Children (**Thompson**), born in Westerly, R.I.:[13]

i. **Thankful**[6], born 4 June 1737; married her second cousin, **John Champlin**[6] (*Christopher Champlin*[5], *Elizabeth Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #360:ii, page 473.]
ii. **Mary**, born 11 June 1739, died young.
iii. **Elias**, born 28 June 1741.
iv. **Mary**, born 12 July 1743; married her second cousin, **Asa Champlin**[6] (*Christopher Champlin*[5], *Elizabeth Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #360:vii, page 473.]
v. **Thomas**, born 17 March 1745; married his second cousin, **Hannah Champlin**[6] (*Christopher Champlin*[5], *Elizabeth Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #360:viii, page 473].
vi. **Samuel**, born 14 January 1747; married his second cousin, **Mary Champlin**[6] (*Christopher Champlin*[5], *Elizabeth Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #360:ix, page 473.]
vii. **Isaac**, born 7 May 1749.
viii. **Robert**, born 21 May 1752.

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377. **Mary Stanton**[5] (*Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 22 May 1720,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Thankful (Denison) Stanton.

Information about this Mary Stanton is inconclusive and unreliable. Wheeler states that Col. Henry Babcock did not marry this Mary Stanton,[2] as stated in Denison-Peck, *Denison Genealogy* (1978),[3] with no marriage date and no documentation given. Wheeler states that it was this Mary Stanton's niece of the same name, the daughter of Robert and Anna

(Stanton) Stanton who married Col. Henry Babcock. [For Robert Stanton's family see #375, page 490.] Kendall Hayward, long-time Historian (registrar) of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Connecticut agrees with Wheeler. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has accepted a lineage through a supposed daughter of Col. Henry Babcock and his supposed wife, this Mary Stanton, who are supposed to have had a daughter named Mary Babcock who married Phineas Clark, No dates or documentation have been found.[4]

The only thing that we know about this controversy is that *Nathan* Babcock signed one of the many receipts found among the probate records of Mary Stanton's father, Thomas Stanton.[5] This would seem to suggest that, if Mary Stanton married a Babcock, it was Nathan Babcock, not Col. Henry Babcock. This lineage problem remains unresolved.

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378. **Elizabeth Stanton**[5] (*Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 10 June 1722 and was baptized there 14 October 1722,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Thankful (Denison) Stanton. She died in Stonington 9 March 1814.[2]

Elizabeth Stanton married in Stonington 7 January 1740 **Phineas Stanton,**[3] who was born in Stonington 28 October 1719,[4] the son of Daniel and Mary (Chesebrough) Stanton. Phineas Stanton died in Stonington 3 February 1790.[5]

In 1745 Phineas Stanton served as a captain in the militia on the expeditions to Cape Breton and Crown Point.[6] He was called "Captain" in some of his probate papers and in records of the birth of his eleventh child, an unnamed daughter, born in 1764. Phineas Stanton and his family lived in Stonington. In the will of his father, Lt. Daniel Stanton, dated 12 March 1760, proved 7 March 1769, Phineas was given some land and was made joint executor, with his brother, Daniel, of his father's estate.[7] Phineas was not mentioned in the will of his mother, dated 20 April 1776, proved 3 November 1783. However, a petition among her probate records, dated 29 September 1783, was signed by Daniel Stanton and Phineas Stanton. It requested that the court appoint either of the two petitioners as administrator of their mother's estate since Capt. Richard Wheeler, named as executor in the will of their mother, Mary Stanton, had refused to serve. However, the court appointed their brother-in-law, Dr. Jonathan Gray, the husband of their sister, Mary, as administrator, instead of either of the brothers.[8]

Phineas Stanton died intestate. In a variety of documents in his probate packet, the earliest is dated 15 March 1790, in which Elizabeth Stanton was appointed as the administratrix of her husband's estate. An inventory for Capt. Phineas Stanton's estate was taken 26 March 1790, which had a total value of £58-13-8. Among the probate papers was a court order dated 19 January 1786 in which Phineas Stanton of Stonington was called to answer for a debt owed to Jesse Brown of Groton, Conn., "by Phineas Stanton of Hartland, Vermont . . . since the latter Phineas . . . has no property or estate within the state of Connecticut." Apparently the Stonington Phineas was held responsible for the debts of his son, also named Phineas, who had moved to Vermont. One of the documents was an unsigned account, apparently by one of Phineas Stanton's children, for his expenses in settling the estate "of my Father," and included an item "due me from my Father upon the Estates of Brothers Jabez & Dan[ll] Stanton." It also included an item, "To Household Stuff Bought for Sister Patty" as well as a list of creditors of the estate. Another account, dated 30 November 1797, included an item, "To Patty Prentice who is Now the wife of Christopher Gallup as her share in the Estates of [her brothers] Jabesh and Daniel Stanton." Apparently daughter Martha was called "Patty."[9]

Children (**Stanton**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[10]

i. **Phineas**[6], born 9 August 1741.
ii. **Elizabeth**, born 10 September 1743.
iii. **Enoch**, born 7 September 1745.
iv. **Jabez**, born 5 October 1747.
v. **Zebulon**, born 3 March 1750, died 12 November 1752.
vi. Daughter, born in 1752, died young.
vii. **Zebulon**, born 10 June 1753.
viii. **Daniel**, born 14 November 1755.
ix. **Anna**, born 5 September 1758.
x. **Samuel**, born 16 April 1761.
xi. Daughter, born 31 January 1764, died 4 February 1764.
x. **Martha/Patty**, born 17 June 1766.
xi. **Asa**, born 11 March 1770.

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379. **Mercy Stanton**[5] (*Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 14 June 1724 and baptized there 12 July 1724,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Thankful (Denison) Stanton. Her date and place of death are not known.

Mercy Stanton married in Stonington 3 March 1750/1 **Ebenezer Goddard** "of Groton," Conn.,[2] whose parentage has not been discovered.

No further trace of Ebenezer and Mercy (Stanton) Goddard has been found.

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380. **Prudence Stanton**[5] (*Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 22 April 1726,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Thankful (Denison) Stanton. Prudence died in Danbury, Conn., in December 1779, as the widow of her second husband, Giles Russell.[2]

Prudence Stanton married first, in Stonington 4 March 1746/7 **Judah Coleman,**[3] the son of Judah Coleman.[4] Judah died before 8 December 1762,[5] the date Prudence married, as her second husband, in Stonington 8 December 1762 **Giles Russell,**[6] who was born in Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, Conn., 8 November 1729,[7] the son of the Rev. Daniel and Lydia (Stillman) Russell. Col. Giles Russell died in Danbury, Fairfield, Conn., 28 October 1779, after having been mortally wounded at the Battle of Danbury during the Revolutionary War.[8]

No information has been found for Prudence's first husband, Judah Coleman, the father of her first two children. Prudence's second husband, Giles Russell, graduated from Yale College. He served as an ensign at Crown Point in 1755. He was an adjutant in the Battle of Ticonderoga, Lake George, in 1758, and served as a captain in the Havana Expedition in 1761-62. During the Revolutionary War he was a Lt. Colonel and Colonel at White Plains, Germantown, and Fort Mifflin and wintered at Valley Forge. He commanded Connecticut regiments until his death at the Battle of Danbury in 1779.[9]

Children (**Coleman**), by her first husband, Judah Coleman, born in Stonington, Conn.:[10]

i. **Mercy**[6], born 18 July 1748.
ii. **Robert**, born 26 October 1749.

Child (**Russell**), by her second husband, Giles Russell, born in Stonington, Conn.:[11]

iii. **Hannah**, born 20 January 1764.

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381. **Thomas Stanton**[5] (*Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 20 December 1729 and baptized there 8 April 1730,[1] the son of Thomas and Thankful (Denison) Stanton. He died in Stonington 30 July 1799.[2]

Thomas Stanton,"3rd," married in Stonington 10 January 1750/1 **Sarah Chesebrough,**[3] who was born in Stonington 2 January 1730/1,[4] the daughter of Nathan and Bridget (Noyes) Chesebrough. Sarah died in Stonington 9 June 1789.[5]

Thomas Stanton lived in Stonington. In the entry of his marriage in 1751 he was called "Thomas Stanton, 3rd." In probate documents for his mother-in-law's estate in 1774 he was called "Thomas Stanton, 2nd."

Thomas Stanton's wife, Sarah, was called "Sarah Stanton" in the will of her father, Nathan Chesebrough, dated 28 April 1766. She was bequeathed one-fourth of a tract of land.[6] Sarah's mother, in her will, dated 7 October 1774, called Sarah "my eldest Daughter Sarah Stanton," and gave her household items, furniture and clothing.[7]

Thomas Stanton "of Stonington," made his will 10 July 1799. The executor's bond was dated 8 August 1799. He gave his wife, Sarah, "all the goods and Estate of every Kind & Nature Whatsoever that I have received by virtue of my marriage with her . . . also 25 Dollars yearly." He gave one-third of his real estate to the children of his oldest son, Peleg Stanton, deceased, naming these grandchildren as Lydia, Zerviah, Abigail, Bridget, Elias, Ezra, Rowland and Isaac Stanton. He named his other heirs as Thomas Stanton, Nathan Chesebrough Stanton, the five children of his deceased daughter, Sarah Palmer, and his other daughters, Bridget Chesebrough, wife of Nathaniel Chesebrough, Marcy Breed, wife of Prentice Breed, Thankful Minor, wife of Chesebrough Minor, and Hannah Palmer, wife of Richard Palmer. His two living sons received the other two-thirds of his real estate and the daughters or their heirs were given money.[8]

Children (**Stanton**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[9]

i. **Sarah**[6], born 12 November 1751.
ii. **Peleg**, born 10 November 1753, died aged 1 year 8 months 13 days.

iii. **Bridget**, born 18 January 1756, bapt. 9 May 1756.
iv. **Peleg**, born 13 March 1758.
v. **Mercy**, born 6 July 1760.
vi. **Rowland**, born 10 August 1762, died aged 8 months 13 days.
vii. **Thankful**, born 27 January 1764.
viii. **Thomas**, born 1 June 1766.
ix. **Nathan Chesebrough**, born 15 October 1768.
x. **Robert**, born 7 June 1771, died 5 September 1771.
xi. **Hannah**, born 17 October 1772.

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382. **Anna Stanton**[5] (*Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 22 March 1732,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Thankful (Denison) Stanton. She died in Stonington 20 March 1805.[2]

Anna Stanton married in Stonington 5 December 1752 **Nathan Chesebrough,**[3] who was born in Stonington 14 November 1728,[4] the son of Deacon Nathan and Bridget (Noyes) Chesebrough. Nathan Chesebrough died in Stonington before 3 June 1782, the date the inventory of his estate was taken.[5]

Anna's husband has sometimes been called "Nathaniel" but he was referred to as "Nathan" in his will, as well as in the entries for the births of his children and in various documents among his wife's probate papers. The entry of his marriage called him "Nathan Chesebrough, Jr." The executor's bond called him "Capt. Nathan."

Capt. Nathan Chesebrough and his family lived in Stonington. In his father's will dated 28 August 1769, Nathan received land adjoining the property of his father which had been deeded to him earlier, as well as a parcel of land known as Cold Spring Pasture.[6]

In his own will dated 31 December 1781, proved 3 June 1782, Nathan Chesebrough of Stonington gave his wife the interest on a number of notes held against their son, Nathaniel, as well as a cow and one-third part of his livestock and household goods. He gave his eldest son, Nathaniel Chesebrough, a double portion of the remaining estate. Son Peris [Perez] was given one-fourth of the estate. The remainder was divided among his other sons and daughters, named as Elam, Thomas and Edward Chesebrough, Anne Denison, Abigail Williams, Bridget Chese-

brough and "youngest daughter" Dorothy Chesebrough. Nathan Chesebrough appointed his wife as sole executrix. His inventory, dated 3 May 1782, showed a total value of £2112-4-0, and included over £1978 for four notes against his son, Nathaniel. Among the estate papers is a receipt from Asa Champlin for money paid to him out of the estate by Nathan's son, Nathaniel Chesebrough, "2nd," dated 10 April 1785, who had been appointed administrator.[7]

Anna Chesebrough prepared her will 25 February 1805. The inventory was taken 25 March 1805. She bequeathed small amounts of money to her sons Nathaniel, Perez and Edward Chesebrough. She mentioned her living daughters, Abigail Williams and Anna Denison. Widow Anna Chesebrough also mentioned her grandchildren Anna Miner who was given a string of gold beads, Amos Miner, Lydia Miner and Edward Miner, who were the children of her deceased daughter, Bridget Miner. Granddaughter Anna Chesebrough, daughter of Anna's son, Perez Chesebrough, was given a silver tablespoon and three silver teaspoons. Other special items were given to her other granddaughters Anna, Abigail, Rebecca and Betsy Williams, children of Robert Williams. She also mentioned her granddaughter Phebe Chesebrough, wife of Amos Chesebrough. Son Edward Chesebrough was appointed executor.[8]

Children (**Chesebrough**), born in Stonington, Conn.:[9]

i. **Anna**[6] , born 22 May 1753; called "Anna Denison" in father's will.
ii. **Nathaniel**, born 30 July 1755; called "eldest son" in father's will.
iii. **Abigail**, born 20 July 1757; called "Abigail Williams" in father's will.
iv. **Nathan**, born 8 October 1759; not mentioned in father's will.
v. **Perez**, born 2 March 1762; mentioned in father's will; served in the Revolutionary War.
vi. **Bridget**, born 30 August 1767; called "Bridget Miner" in mother's will.
vii. **Elam**, born 30 August 1767; mentioned in father's will
viii. **Thomas**, born 2 July 1770; mentioned in father's will.
ix. **Dorothy**, born 7 February 1773; called "Dorothy Chesebrough" in father's will.
x. **Edward**, born 4 February 1775; mentioned in father's will.

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383. **Desire Stanton**[5] (*Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 22 April 1734 and baptized 2 June 1734,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Thankful (Denison) Stanton. She died in Stonington 6 August 1825.[2]

Desire Stanton married in Stonington 10 October 1758 **Amos Hallam**,[3] who was born in Stonington 26 August 1738 and baptized 7 September 1741,[4] the son of John and Abigail (Noyes) Hallam. Amos Hallam died in Stonington 3 January 1816.[5]

Amos Hallam and his family lived in Stonington. His father, John Hallam, in his will dated 19 June 1752 (*sic*), proved 4 April 1786, bequeathed to Amos two-thirds of his real estate, to be given to Amos when he became of age. His father also left him "one of my Negroes . . . and my Seal ring which was my fathers and Grandfathers Branded with IH."[6] Amos Hallam's mother, Abigail, made her will 9 January 1801, which was filed but not recorded 4 November 1801. In it she gave her beloved son, Amos Hallam, her large iron pot, her Pipe Box and her tobacco Tongs "to his proper use."[7]

Amos Hallam died intestate. His sons, John Hallam and Giles Russell Hallam, both of Stonington, signed an administrator's bond 6 February 1816. The inventory, presented the same day, was valued at $10,392.14 and included $9,979 for 273 acres of land. Appraisers were Amos Gallup and Jesse Dean. There were approximately fifty promissory notes written by Amos Hallam, or judgments against him, dated between 1774 and 1811. In one dated 6 June 1811, Jesse Palmer claimed $800 on a note by John Denison, bankrupt, for which Amos Hallam had bound himself. It attached the 300 acre "Homestead Farm on which Defendant now lives," bounded southerly and westerly by David C. Smith and salt water, and easterly by Amos Denison, heirs of Joseph Whipple, and heirs of Nathaniel Chesebrough.[8]

Children (**Hallam**), born and baptized in Stonington, Conn.:[9]

i. **John**[6], born 8 June 1758, bapt. 25 September 1763.
ii. **Abigail**, born 6 November 1760, bapt. 25 September 1763.
iii. **Amos**, born 17 May 1762, bapt. 25 September 1763, died 1 August 1784.
iv. **Thomas**, born 26 July 1764, bapt. 5 August 1764.
v. **Nicholas**, born 13 January 1767, bapt. 5 April 1767.
vi. **Desire**, born 24 March 1769, bapt. 9 July 1769.
vii. **Edward**, born 3 April 1771.
viii. **Alexander**, born 11 November 1774.
ix. **Giles Russell**, born 19 February 1776.

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384. **Hannah Stanton**[5] (*Thankful Denison*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., 29 September 1736 and baptized 26 June 1737,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Thankful (Denison) Stanton. She died sometime after 1 November 1798, the date of her marriage to her second husband, Judge Joseph Hoxie.[2]

Hannah Stanton married in either Stonington, Conn., or Charlestown, R.I., 28 August 1754 **Robert Potter** of Charlestown,[3] whose parentage has not been found. Robert Potter died before Hannah married second, as his second wife, in Charlestown 1 November 1798 Judge **Joseph Hoxie** of Charlestown,[4] who was born in Charlestown, (also recorded in Westerly, R.I.), 8 May 1733,[5] the son of Joseph and Mary (Taylor) Hoxie. Joseph Hoxie's first wife was Mary Peckham whom he married 5 February 1754.[6] Nothing more has been found for Hannah and her two husbands.

Children (**Potter**), born in Charlestown, R.I., all by her first husband, Robert Potter:[7]

i. **Anne**[6], born 7 July 1755, called "of Robert."
ii. **Hannah**, born 20 March 1758.
iii. **Elizabeth**, born 28 July 1760.
iv. **Robert**, born 24 May 1762.
v. **Thomas**, born 1 March 1764.

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385. **Joseph Denison**[5] (*George*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Westerly, R.I., 26 January 1722/3,[1] the son of George Denison and his first wife, Sarah Minor. He died in Westerly before 12 December 1760, the date his will was probated.[2]

Joseph Denison married in Stonington, Conn., 8 December 1746 **Lucy Chesebrough**,[3] who was born in Stonington 15 August 1729,[4] the daughter

of William and Lucy (Palmer) Chesebrough. Lucy died after 11 February 1761, the date she declined to be the executrix of her husband's will.[5]

Joseph Denison was a weaver, as noted in his will. He and his family lived in Westerly. His father, George Denison, in his will dated 1 May 1734, probated 16 May 1738, gave "One Bed and Furniture . . . to my Son Joseph Denison which I had by my former wife . . . and all my Farm of Land lying and being in the Town of Fairfield."[6] Joseph was about sixteen years of age when his father died. A receipt dated 23 November 1742 stated, "Rufus Minor of Stonington, Guardian of Joseph Denison of Stonington, Son of George Denison . . . received of Joannah Tyler of Preston, Executrix of the Last Will & Testament of George Denison . . . for one feather bed and a bolster & two coverlids and a set of curtains and one blanket."[7] Joanna Tyler was Joseph's step-mother, Joanna (Hinckley) (Denison) Tyler, the second wife of Joseph's father, George Denison. Joanna married second, Moses Tyler.

Joseph's wife, Lucy, was named in the will of her father, William Chesebrough, Jr., dated 22 February 1736/7.[8] Her mother, Lucy Chesebrough, made her will 28 February 1736, proved 21 March 1736/7, leaving her estate to her mother, Hannah Palmer, "till my Children should arrive at y[e] age of Twenty one years," referring to her daughters, Lucy and Hannah Chesebrough.[9]

In his will dated 3 November 1760, proved 23 December 1760, Joseph Denison called himself "of Stonington . . . Weaver Being Very Sick." He gave his wife, Lucy, the income from one-third of his real estate, one-third of his moveable estate, and the "Best Room in my House." Sons Nathaniel and George received all of their father's "land and real estate" after their mother's death. His five daughters, Lucy, Sarah, Anne, Hannah and Thankful were each given £15. His wife, Lucy, was appointed his executrix. Joseph's inventory, dated 17 December 1760, totalled £298-18-6, of which £260 was "Land & Buildings." On 11 February 1761, Lucy Denison declined to serve as executrix of her husband's estate.[10]

Children (**Denison**), probably born in Stonington, Conn., mentioned in their father's will:[11]

i. **Nathaniel**[6], probably born about 1748.
ii. **George**, probably born about 1750.
iii. **Lucy**, probably born about 1752.
iv. **Sarah**, probably born about 1754.
v. **Ann**, probably born about 1756.
vi. **Hannah**, probably born about 1758.
vii. **Thankful**, probably born about 1760.

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386. **Sarah Denison**[5] (*George*[4], *Mercy Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was probably born in New London, Conn., where her birth was recorded 8 September 1733, the daughter of George Denison and his second wife, Joanna Hinckley. Sarah was baptized in the First Congregational Church of New London, Conn., 16 September 1733, called "Sarah, dau. of George Denison, on his wife's account."[1] Sarah died in Preston, now Griswold, Conn., 1 March 1792, aged 58 years, and was buried in the Kinne Cemetery there.[2]

Sarah Denison married in Preston, Conn., 24 October 1748 **Ezra Kinne** "of Preston,"[3] who was born in Preston 20 September 1727, baptized 26 November 1727,[4] the son of Joseph and Keziah (Peabody) Kinne. Ezra Kinne died in Preston (Griswold) 8 February 1795, aged 66 years, and was buried in the Kinne Cemetery.[5]

Sarah's father, George Denison of New London and Stonington, in his will dated 1 May 1734, probated 16 May 1738, called her his daughter and gave her £100 and one-half of his moveable estate, after her mother's decease or remarriage.[6] On 21 November 1748, Sarah and her husband, Ezra Kinne, signed a receipt to Sarah's "Honr'd Father & Mother, Moses & Joanna Tyler, Executors to ye Last Will of my Honr'd Father, George Denison, ye full Sum of one hundred pounds money Old Tenor & half of ye movable Estate Given to me his daughter Sarah Denison, as a Legasey by his will Baring Date May ye first AD 1734."[7]

Capt. Ezra Kinne was a very successful farmer. He and his wife owned the covenant, 22 April 1750, at the Second or North Preston Church, which was called "the north ecclesiastical society of Preston," and is now in Griswold, Conn.[8] He served in the French and Indian War and in the Revolution.[9]

In his will dated 22 February 1794, probated in Norwich, Conn., 16 February 1795, Capt. Ezra Kinne gave his two beloved sons, Peabody and Denison, £5 each, in addition to horses, livestock and wearing apparel. Son Ezra received land, livestock, a negro boy named Prince "until the law makes him free," and an apprentice named Asa Bowdish "until his time is out." Capt. Kinne also named his six beloved daughters, Joanna, Mary, Jemima, Sarah, Senthe and Lucretia, who were to have the indoor moveables. Son Ezra and son-in-law Dr. Allen Campbell, were named

executors. Witnesses were Samuel Yeomans, Seth Morgan and Alexander Stewart.[10]

Children (**Kinne**), born in Preston, Conn.:[11]

i. **Joanna**[6], born 25 June 1749.
ii. **Mercy/Marcy**, born 12 July 1751.
iii. **Jemima**, born 3 May 1753.
iv. **Sarah**, born 1 August 1755, died young.
v. **Peabody**, born 20 July 1757.
vi. **Sarah**, born 22 October 1760.
vii. **Cynthia/Synthia/Senthe**, born 26 May 1763.
viii. **Denison**, born 5 January 1766.
ix. **Lucretia**, born 13 May 1770.
x. **Ezra**, born 18 February 1773.

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Mayflower Ancestry of the Conants of Barnstable, Massachusetts

John[1] Howland ~ Elizabeth Tilley
1592 – 1672-'3 Plymouth 1607 - 1687

John[2] Howland ~ Mary Lee
1627 - aft. 1699 c. 1632 - aft. 1691
Barnstable

John Bursley ~ Elizabeth[3] Howland
bp. 1650 - 1726 Barnstable 1655 - aft 1695

Jabez Bursley[4] ~ Hannah Fuller
1681 - 1731-'2 1681 - aft. 1732
Barnstable

Charles Conant[5] ~ Joanna Bursley[5]
1720 - 1808 Barnst'le 1719 - 1801
Thirteen children:-

6-6
Asa b. 1744
Mary b. 1745
Charles b. 1747
John b. 1748
Benjamin b. 1749
Barnabas b. 1750
Thomas b. 1752
Elizabeth b. 1753
Sarah b. 1754
Hannah b. 1755
Lemuel b. 1757
Olive b. 1758
Martha b. 1760

Joseph[2] Howland ~ Elizabeth Southworth
c 1640 – 1703-'4 Plymouth 1645 - 1717

Sarah[3] Howland
c. 1673 – bef. 1703-'4
Plymouth

1) George Conant ~ Mary[4] Howland ~ 2) William Green
c. 1690 – 1731 Plymouth c. 1692 – 1756 Barnstable

George Conant[5] ~ 1) Sarah Goodspeed d. 1754
1723 - 1792 2) Susannah Crocker d. 1756
Barnstable 3) Elizabeth Crocker d. 1759
Becket 4) Lydia Freeman[6]
1733 - 1806

All descendants are from two of three sons by fourth wife:-

6-7
George Conant b. 1762
Thatcher Conant b. and d. 1763
Thatcher Conant b. 1767

John Gorham ~ Desire[2] Howland
1621 - 1676-'7 Barnstable c. 1625 – 1683

John Thatcher ~ Lydia Gorham[3]
1638 - 1713 Yarmouth 1661 - 1744

Joseph Freeman ~ Lydia Thatcher[4]
1682 – 1756 Harwich 1684 - 1724

Thatcher Freeman[5] ~ Anna Gray
1710 – 1784 Harwich 1714 – 1797

Other Mayflower Lines:-

Hannah[5] Fuller (Thomas[4], Samuel[3], Matthew[2], Edward[1] Fuller)

Joseph Freeman[5] (Thomas Freeman[4], Mercy Prence[3], Patience[2] Brewster, Elder William[1] Brewster)

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23. The Grandchildren of Lydia Gorham[3]

387. **Thacher Freeman**[5] (*Lydia Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Harwich, Mass., 3 December 1710, and baptized 8 March 1723/4,[1] the son of Joseph and Lydia (Thacher) Freeman. He died in Becket, Mass., 15 August 1784, in his 74th year.[2]

Thacher Freeman married in Harwich 27 January 1731/2 (intentions 21 August 1731) **Anna Gray**,[3] who was born in Harwich 30 November 1714,[4] the daughter of John and Susannah (Clark) Gray. Anna died in Becket 30 November 1797, aged 83 years.[5]

Thacher's father, Capt. Joseph Freeman, in his will dated 10 March 1756, probated 18 March 1756, gave Thacher land and buildings in Harwich, and named him as executor of his estate.[6]

Thacher Freeman and his family lived in Harwich, later moving to Becket, in Berkshire County, Mass.[7] Anna, "wife of Thacher Freeman," was received into membership by the First Parish Church of Harwich 7 July 1758.[8] On 17 September 1758, nine of their children were baptized there, recorded as Lydia Freeman, Anna Mayo, Mehitable Freeman, Susannah Freeman, Keziah Freeman, and Thacher Freeman, Jr., "on their owning the Covenant," and their younger children, Joseph, Rebeccah and Thomas, "all children of Thacher and Anna Freeman."[9] Their youngest child, Joshua, was recorded in Harwich town records separately from the rest of the family and may have been omitted from the church record accidentally.

No probate records have been found for Thacher Freeman in either Barnstable or Berkshire County.

Children (**Freeman**), all born in Harwich, Mass., first ten baptized 17 September 1758:[10]

i. **Lydia**[6], born 9 November 1733.
ii. **Anna**, born 26 October 1735.
iii. **Susannah**, born 25 June 1737.
iv. **Thacher**, born 23 June 1739.
v. **Mehitable**, born 23 June 1741.
vi. **Keziah**, born 10 August 1743.
vii. **Joseph**, born 1 September 1745, died 1 August 1747.
viii. **Joseph**, born 18 September 1747.
ix. **Rebecca**, born 29 July 1750.

x. **Thomas**, born 30 May 1752.
xi. **Joshua**, born 27 March 1756; not baptized with the other children.

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388. **Elizabeth Freeman**[5] (*Lydia Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Harwich, Mass., 14 December 1712, and baptized there 8 March 1723/4,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Thacher) Freeman. She died in Hardwick, Mass., 8 February 1792, aged 79 years 1 month 2 weeks.[2]

Elizabeth Freeman married, as his third wife, in Harwich 12 February 1754 (intentions 29 December 1753) **Ebenezer Perry** "of Rochester,"[3] who was born in Sandwich, Mass., 5 March 1705/6,[4] the son of Samuel and Esther (Taber) Perry. Ebenezer was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Francis Cooke. Ebenezer Perry died in Hardwick, Mass., between 19 June 1780, when he made his will, and 4 July 1780, when his will was probated.[5] Ebenezer had married first, in Sandwich about 1728 Abigail Presbury, daughter of Stephen and Deborah (Skiffe) Presbury, who died in Sandwich before 11 January 1749,[6] the date Ebenezer married second, in Rochester, Mass., Abigail Hammond, daughter of John and Mary (Arnold) Hammond. Abigail died in Rochester 16 May 1753.[7] Ebenezer's children by his first wife were Stephen, Samuel, Deborah, Seth, Thomas, died young, Isaiah, Thomas again, Abigail and Mary Perry, who were baptized in Sandwich. He had one more son, Nathan Perry, by his second wife.[8] None of his children were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Ebenezer Perry lived in Sandwich until 1743, moving to Rochester, about 1749. After he married his third wife, Elizabeth Freeman, he must have moved to Shrewsbury, Mass., for on 28 March 1755, Ebenezer Perry of Shrewsbury, gentleman, bought 50 acres of land in Petersham, Worcester County, Mass., from Jonathan Cook.[9]

Elizabeth was called "Elizabeth Perry" by her father, Capt. Joseph Freeman, in his will dated 10 March 1756, probated in Barnstable County 18 March 1756, in which he gave her some meadow land.[10]

In his will dated 19 June 1780, and probated in Worcester County 4 July 1780, Ebenezer Perry of Hardwick, gentleman, mentioned his dear and loving wife, Elizabeth, to whom he gave all of his real estate in Hardwick, as long as she remained his widow, and most of his indoor furniture "for life," in addition to what she had brought with her at their marriage. His son by his second wife, Nathan Perry, was named executor. His estate,

which included silver spoons, gold sleeve buttons, gold rings and necklaces, was bequeathed to his son, Nathan Perry; to the heirs of his son Stephen Perry, deceased, who were named as James, Thomas, Elizabeth, Lois, Lucy and Sarah Perry; to his son Samuel Perry; to the son and daughter of his deceased daughter, Deborah Fessenden, named as Samuel Fessenden and Deborah Haskell; to his daughter Abigail Lewis, wife of David Lewis; to his daughter Mary Eggry, wife of Daniel Eggry; and to his son Seth Perry. Witnesses were Timothy Ingraham, Seth Hinckly, John Hedge and John Hopkins. None of these Perry children were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[11]

Elizabeth Freeman did not have any children by her marriage to Ebenezer Perry.

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389. **Lydia Freeman**[5] (*Lydia Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Harwich, Mass., 22 October 1717, and baptized there 8 March 1723/4,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Thacher) Freeman. Lydia died after 1 September 1761, the date she was appointed guardian for her children.[2]

Lydia Freeman married in Harwich 22 September 1743 (intentions 9 July 1743) **Nathaniel Clark**, called "both of Harwich."[3] Nathaniel was born in Harwich 19 June 1719, the son of Scottoway and Mary (Haskell) Clark, and was baptized in the First Parish Church, now in Brewster, 25 June 1721 with his older brothers and sisters.[4] Nathaniel died before 18 March 1761.[5]

Lydia was called "Lydia Clark" by her father, Joseph Freeman, in his will dated 10 March 1756, probated 18 March 1756.[6]

Lydia's husband, Nathaniel Clark, died intestate before 18 March 1761, the date the inventory of his estate, amounting to £192-2-1, was taken by Chillingsworth Foster, Prince Freeman and Benjamin Freeman. Nathaniel's widow, Lydia Clark, was named sole administratrix. She presented the inventory to the court 19 March 1761, and filed her account. On 7 May 1761, the estate amounted to £111-18-11. On 30 June 1761, John Snow, Prince Freeman and Benjamin Freeman set off to Lydia Clark, widow of Nathaniel Clark, yeoman, late of Harwich. one-third of the estate as her dower, described as the southern-most half of the dwelling

house, divided through the middle, east and west, and about an acre and a half of land and fresh meadow.[7] On 1 September 1761, Lydia Clark was appointed guardian of her minor children, named as Enoch, Thacher, Winifred, Lydia, Mary and Solomon Clark.[8]

Children (**Clark**), born in Harwich, Mass., baptized in the First Parish Church:[9]

i. **Elizabeth/Eliza**[6], born 7 December 1744, bapt. 9 December 1744.
ii. **Winnefred**, born 2 June 1747, bapt. 14 June 1747.
iii. **Lydia**, born 24 May 1749, bapt. 28 May 1749.
iv. **Solomon**, born 8 July 1751, bapt. 18 August 1751.
v. **Enoch**, bapt. 30 June 1754.
vi. **Mary**, bapt. 12 September 1756.
vii. **Thacher**, bapt. 8 October 1758.

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390. **Rebecca Freeman**[5] (*Lydia Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Harwich, Mass., 23 April 1720 and baptized there 8 March 1723/4,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Thacher) Freeman. Rebecca died in Carmel, New York, 15 January 1801, and was buried in the Old Gilead Cemetery there, called "Rebeckah Hopkins, wife of Jonathan."[2]

Rebecca Freeman married in Harwich 4 October 1744 (intentions 25 August 1744) **Jonathan Hopkins**,[3] who was born in Harwich 12 February 1719/20,[4] the son of Joseph and Mary (Mayo) Hopkins. He was a descendant of *Mayflower* passengers Stephen Hopkins and Elder William Brewster. Jonathan probably died in or near Carmel, New York, about 1790, but his grave is not in the Old Gilead Cemetery, near his wife.[5]

Rebecca was called "Rebecca Hopkins" by her father, Joseph Freeman, in his will dated 10 March 1756, probated 18 March 1756.[6] Jonathan's father, Joseph Hopkins of Harwich, in his will dated 5 March 1771, probated 9 May 1771, named Jonathan as one of his eight children and gave him land in Harwich.[7]

Jonathan and Rebecca Hopkins and their family followed his brother, Joseph Hopkins, to the Oblong in Dutchess County, N.Y., around 1 August 1756,[8] the date on which Rebecca was dismissed from the Harwich

church to one "in or near the Oblong." This was the "Old Log Church" in what is now Carmel, N.Y.[9] There, on 10 July 1757, in the West Society of Philipse Patent, "Jonathan, son of Jonathan Hopkins," was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Ebenezer Knibloe.[10]

Jonathan Hopkins was listed as a taxpayer in the Southern Tax List of Dutchess County from February 1755 to 1771, when the area became Fredericksburgh, and on the Fredericksburgh list from 1772 to 1779, in the area which is now Putnam County.[11] During the Revolutionary War, Jonathan Hopkins, Sr., and his sons, Jonathan, Jr., Joseph, Thacher and Thomas, were all members of the Seventh Regiment, Dutchess County Militia, serving under Col. Henry Ludenton.[12]

In Fredericksburgh, N.Y., 9 August 1782, Rebecca Hopkins and [her daughter?] Mary Hopkins, were among those living in the vicinity of Gregory's Parish who signed the covenant when the Rev. Ichabod Lewis preached there.[13]

No probate records have been found for either Jonathan Hopkins or his wife, Rebecca.

Children (**Hopkins**), first five born in Harwich, Mass., baptized in the First Parish Church, now in Brewster, Mass., last three probably born in Carmel or Fredericksburgh, N.Y.:[14]

i. **Edmond**[6], born 18 October 1745, bapt. 27 October 1745; probably died young.
ii. **Lidia**, born 30 July 1747, bapt. 2 August 1747.
iii. **Mary**, born 6 April 1749, bapt. 9 April 1749.
iv. **Joseph**, born 6 April 1751, bapt. 12 May 1751; served in the Revolution.
v. **Jonathan**, born 27 May 1753, bapt. 3 June 1753; died young.
vi. **Thacher**, born in 1755; had children in Carmel; assessor in 1789; buried in same cemetery as his mother;[15] served in the Revolution.
vii. **Jonathan**, bapt. 10 July 1757 in the West Society, Philipse Patent, by the Rev. Ebenezer Knibloe;[16] served in the Revolution.
viii. ?**Thomas**, perhaps the one born 8 December 1761;[17] served in the Revolution.

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391. **Josiah Crocker**[5] (*Desire Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 30 October 1719,[1] the son of Josiah and Desire (Thacher) Crocker. Josiah died in Taunton, Mass., 28 August 1774, in his 55th year.[2]

The Rev. Josiah Crocker "of Taunton" married first, in Barnstable 27 July 1742 (intentions 11 June 1742) Mrs. **Rebecca Allen** "of Barnstable,"[3] who was born in Barnstable 22 July 1720,[4] the daughter of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Russell) Allen of Tisbury. Rebecca died in Taunton 28 September 1759, aged 38 years.[5]

Josiah Crocker married second, in Attleboro, Mass., 5 November 1761 **Hannah Cobb,**[6] who was born in Taunton 1 October 1729,[7], the daughter of Col. Thomas and Lydia (Leonard) Cobb. Hannah died in September 1817, in Machias, Maine, at the home of her daughter.[8]

Josiah's father died when Josiah was a baby and his mother died when he was two years of age. His uncle, Judah Thacher, was appointed to be his guardian.[9] Josiah was ordained as a minister in Taunton, 19 May 1742, after graduating from Harvard College in 1738. He was their sixth minister, serving until about 1765, when he was dismissed for alcoholism at the age of 46. Friends called him a brilliant man. He was an ardent "New Light" Baptist. He remained in Taunton, preaching whenever he had the opportunity.[10]

In his will dated 5 August 1774, Josiah Crocker of Taunton gave his beloved [second] wife, Hannah, the utensils and household furniture she brought to their marriage, and named her as executrix. Hannah was also given his dwelling house and lands in Taunton for her use during her life, "to support the two children born of her - this given in right of dower." After her death two-thirds of the real estate was to be divided equally between their son, Leonard Crocker, and their daughter, Hannah Crocker. The remaining third was bequeathed to his sons by his first wife, Josiah Crocker, Allen Crocker, and Ebenezer Crocker, and his daughter, Rebecca Crocker in equal shares. Two other sons, Benjamin and William Crocker, were to be given $1.00 each. Son Josiah was given his "great bible" and other books, and son Joseph, was given his "preaching bible," his cutlass, and other books. Daughter Rebecca was given goods, utensils, pewter and silver spoons that had belonged to her mother, Josiah's first wife. Witnesses were Charles Barstow, Susannah Tisdale and James Williams. On 2 July 1800, many years after Josiah's death, the Judge of Probate, Seth Paddleford, ordered John Foster of Taunton to go to Vermont, to take the deposition of Susannah Tisdale, the only surviving witness, "who

lived out of this government" at or near Bennington, Vermont. On 24 July 1800 Susannah Tisdale made oath to the signing of the will. Finally, on 1 August 1800, Josiah Crocker's will was presented and approved.[11]

Children (**Crocker**), born in Taunton, Mass., all named in father's will:[12]
By his first wife, Rebecca Allen:

i. **Josiah**[6], born 30 October 1742 or 1743.
ii. **Benjamin**, died unmarried in Machias, Me., 8 November 1797.
iii. **Allyn**, Boston broker, died unmarried.
iv. **William**, born in 1747.
v. **Joseph**, born 24 February 1749.
vi. **Rebecca**, born 13 March 1752.
vii. **Ebenezer**, born in 1755.

By his second wife, Hannah Cobb:

viii. **Leonard**, born 3 October 1762.
ix. **Hannah**, born 18 October 1765.

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392. **Desire Crocker**[5] (*Desire Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland*, *John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 17 December 1721 (posthumously),[1] the daughter of Josiah and Desire (Thacher) Crocker. Desire died after 20 July 1759, perhaps in Turner, Me., where her eldest son had settled.[2]

Desire Crocker married in Taunton, Mass., in 1745 **Grenfell/Grinfill/ Greenfield Blake** of Taunton,[3] who was born in Taunton 30 December 1721,[4] the son of Edward and Ann (Hanover) Blake. Grenfell Blake died in Taunton 9 September 1753, in his 32nd year.[5]

Desire Crocker's father died before she was born, and her mother died before Desire was six months old. On 23 May 1722 her mother's brother, Judah Thacher, was appointed as her guardian.[6]

Desire's husband, Grenfell Blake of Taunton, died intestate. On 5 November 1753 his widow, Desire Blake of Taunton, was appointed to administer his estate. Grenfell's inventory, dated 12 November 1753, amounted to £101-1-1. There was no real estate listed. Appraisers were Robert Liscombe, Micah Pratt, Jr., and Ebenezer Pitts, Jr. Accounts submitted 5 February 1756 included money received from Edward Blake,

small payments to Anna Blake and Sarah Blake, and "some old cloaths used for the children."[7]

On 7 October 1755, Desire Blake of Taunton, widow, was named guardian of Lidia Blake and Grenfill Blake, both under 14 years of age, called "daughter and son of Grinfill Blake of Taunton, deceased."[8] Guardianship papers for their other son, Samuel Blake, apparently were not recorded, but proof that he survived is found in his grandfather Edward Blake's will, and in the records of Turner, Me., where Samuel lived and raised a family.

Grenfill Blake's father, Edward Blake of Taunton, gentleman, in his will dated 20 July 1759, probated 2 October 1759, mentioned his wife, Anne, son Edward Blake; daughters Mary Hoskins; Sarah Blake; Precilla, wife of Ebenezer Tisdale; Silence, wife of Jacob Barney; Prudence, wife of Thomas Ross; Jerusha Blake (singlewoman); and Jane Blake (unmarried). Edward also mentioned his grandsons Samuel Blake and Greenfield Blake, "and their sister," [given name not mentioned], and his daughter-in-law Desire Blake, "widow of my son." Edward's wife Anne and son Edward were named executors. Witnesses were William McKingstry, James Burt, Jr., Micah Pratt and James Williams.[9]

Grenfell and Desire Blake's first son, Samuel Blake, married Abigail Richards and moved to Turner, Me.[10] Their second son, Greenfield Blake, married in Taunton and raised a large family whose births were recorded in Taunton, one of whom was named "Desire Thacher Blake."[11]

Children (**Blake**), probably born in Taunton, Mass., but not recorded there; mentioned in grandfather Blake's will:[12]

i. **Samuel**[6], born 3 April 1747; moved to Turner, Me., where he recorded his birthdate, with the place as Taunton.
ii. **Greenfield**, born before 1753.
iii. **Lydia**, born before 1753.

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393. **Lydia Otis**[5] (*Hannah Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Scituate, Mass., 20 January 1716/7, and baptized there

2 June 1717,[1] the daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Thacher) Otis. Lydia died in Colchester, Conn., 1 January 1807,[2] in her 90th year.

Lydia Otis married first, in Colchester 26 June 1740 **Abner Kellogg**,[3] who was probably born in Colchester in 1716,[4] the son of Nathaniel and Margaret Kellogg. Abner Kellogg died in Colchester 18 November 1754, aged 38 years, and was buried in the Old Burying Ground there.[5]

Lydia married second, in Colchester 19 March 1761 Capt. **Amos Thomas**,[6] who was born in Marshfield, Mass., 22 October 1703,[7] the son of Israel and Bethiah (Sherman) Thomas. Amos Thomas had married first, Ruth White, a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger William White, by whom he had nine children, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[8] Capt. Amos Thomas died in Lebanon, Conn., 17 December 1787, aged 85 years.[9]

Abner Kellogg, Lydia's first husband, was a storekeeper in Colchester.[10] On 1 April 1755, Abner Kellogg's widow, Lydia, was appointed administratrix of her deceased husband's estate. After settling accounts with Abner's creditors, there was nothing left in the estate to distribute. Her last act as administratrix was to order a pair of headstones for the cemetery plot from Gershom Bartlett of Bolton, Conn.[11] But she does not appear to have been buried there.

On 5 April 1755, after her first husband's death, Lydia Kellogg and her father, Nathaniel Otis, were appointed guardians of her children, David, Abner, Ezekiel, Margaret and Ezra Kellogg. In 1761, Lydia Kellogg and Dudley Wright assumed guardianship of Abner Kellogg. In 1762, Amos Thomas and Nathaniel Otis were named guardians of Ezekiel Kellogg. On 10 April 1770, Amos Thomas and James Langrell were named guardians of Ezra Kellogg.[12]

Lydia's father, Nathaniel Otis, in his will dated 21 March 1768, called her "Lydia Thomas."[13]

Lydia's second husband, Amos Thomas, in his will dated 17 September 1787, proved 21 January 1788, named as his heirs his wife Lydia, and his children by his first wife, eldest son Abijah Thomas, son Amos Thomas, and granddaughter Molly Anne Veals. These Thomas children were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger William White, not of John Howland.[14]

Children (**Kellogg**), born in Colchester, Conn., all by her first husband:[15]

i. **Delight**[6], born 6 April 1741, died 8 November 1749.
ii. **Lydia**, born 15 January 1742/3, died 14 April 1759.
iii. **David**, born 26 August 1744, bapt. 2 September 1744.
iv. **Abner**, born 9 November 1746, bapt. 16 November 1746.
v. **Ezekiel**, born 17 September 1748; served in the Revolutionary War.
vi. **Margaret**, born 16 January 1751/2.
vii. **Ezra**, born 5 September 1754; served in the Revolutionary War.

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394. **Hannah Otis**[5] (*Hannah Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in New London, Conn., 29 February 1717/8 and baptized in Scituate, Mass., 7 September 1718,[1] the daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Thacher) Otis. Scituate church records called her parents "formerly of this town but now of New-London." Hannah died in Colchester or Lebanon, Conn., 12 June 1752.[2]

Hannah Otis married in Colchester 6 November 1735 **Benajah McCall/Mackall,**[3] who was born in Marshfield, Mass., 9 August 1712,[4] the son of James and Rachel (Turner) McCall. Benajah died in New London before 6 November 1753, the date his father, James McCall, made his will.[5]

James McCall's will was proved 1 April 1755. In it he mentioned the children of his late son, Benajah, and gave Benajah's only son, Nathaniel, 14 acres of land next to his father's land.[6]

Benajah McCall, a farmer and blacksmith, died intestate. His son, Nathaniel, received a double share of land in Lebanon. Daughter Ruth McCall, baptized as "Faith," agreed to take her share in money and movables. Daughter Rachel McCall received six acres, including a blacksmith shop. Daughters Delight, Hannah and Mary McCall were given six and one-half acres each. The estate was declared settled by Joshua West, John Thomas and James Bissell on 15 June 1758, recorded in August 1758. Since there was property in both Windham and New London Probate Districts, the division of property was recorded in both places. In Windham, Ruth was called "Faith." In Lebanon she was called "Ruth."[7]

Son Nathaniel McCall/Mackall died unmarried before 10 February 1761. On 22 February 1761 his property was divided among his sisters who were named as Faith, Delight, Rachel, Hannah and Mercy. Mercy was called "Mary" when the boundary for Hannah's share was described.[8]

On 25 April 1765, recorded 4 March 1766, the surviving heirs of Benajah McCall acquitted the administrators from their bonds, signing as Mary and Hannah McKall (*sic*), Asa Harris and Faith Harris, Abijah Thomas and Rachel Thomas, and Delight McKall.[9]

Hannah's father, Nathaniel Otis, in his will dated 21 March 1768, mentioned the heirs of his daughter, Hannah Mackall, deceased, but gave them nothing because his daughter had already received her portion.[10]

Children (**McCall/Mackall**), born in Lebanon, Conn., baptized in the Lebanon Congregational Church (Goshen), listed in probate records:[11]

i. **Ruth**[6], born 12 February 1736/7; bapt. as **Faith**, 13 February 1736/7.
ii. **Nathaniel**, born 25 September 1740, bapt. 28 September 1740, died unmarried before 10 February 1761.
iii. **Rachel**, bapt. 28 March 1742.
iv. **Delight**, born 19 March 1744.
v. **Hannah**, bapt. 17 August 1746.
vi. **Mary**, born about 1748; called "youngest child" in father's probate records; called "**Mercy**" in brother's probate records.

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395. **Dorothy Otis**[5] (*Hannah Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland*, *John*[1]) was born in New London, Conn., (recorded in Colchester, Conn.) 16 April 1721,[1] the daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Thacher) Otis. Dorothy died in Lebanon, Conn., 10 November 1794.[2] The names of all three of her husbands are on her headstone in the Lebanon cemetery.

Dorothy Otis married first, in Colchester, 13 December 1737 **Asahel/Asa Bigelow**,[3] who was born in Colchester 3 September 1720,[4] the son of John and Sarah (Bigelow) Bigelow. Asa died in Colchester 9 October 1754.[5]

Dorothy married second, in Colchester 12 October 1762 **Isaac Day**,[6] who was born in Colchester 17 May 1713,[7] the son of John and Mary Day. Isaac died there 7 March 1765.[8] Isaac Day had married first, in Colchester 1 July 1740 Ann Foot, who died 22 June 1760, after having had Ann, Mary, Daniel, John, Isaac, Jacob and Hannah Day, not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Two of these sons, John and Daniel Day, (the latter called "Samuel" in town records but baptized as "Daniel" in church records) have been mistakenly attributed to Isaac's second wife, Dorothy (Otis) (Bigelow) Day.[9] Dorothy's father, Nathaniel Otis, named her as his daughter, "Dorothy Day," in his will dated 21 March 1768.[10]

Dorothy married third, in Colchester, in December 1768, as his second wife, **Joseph Langrell**,[11] who was born about 1695.[12] Joseph Langrell had

married first, in Plymouth, Mass., 5 April 1722 Mary Thomas, who was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Richard Warren, and by whom he had Mary, Bethiah, Thomas, Abigail and Hannah Langrell. At least the first three children were born in Massachusetts and were recorded over again in Connecticut.[13] These Langrell children were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Joseph Langrell died in Lebanon before 4 January 1783.[14]

Dorothy's first husband, Asa Bigelow, was a farmer who died intestate. On 3 December 1754 Dorothy Bigelow of Colchester was appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband, Asa Bigelow, deceased. On 3 April 1770 the estate was divided among their sons, Jonathan, Otis and Asa Bigelow, and their daughters, Sarah and Betty Bigelow. The distribution of the estate was signed by Israel Foot, Dudley Wright and Charles Taintor. Final settlement was made 3 July 1770.[15]

Dorothy's second husband, Isaac Day, also died intestate. His estate was distributed among his seven children by his first wife, named as Mary, Daniel, John, Isaac, Jacob, and Hannah Day, his married daughter, [Ann] Skinner, and his only child by his second wife, Dorothy, named Charles Day. Isaac's second wife, Dorothy, was not mentioned although she was still living. Of all of these Day children, only Charles Day was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. The distribution of Isaac Day's estate was made on 12 July 1765 by Moses Yeomans, Aaron Skinner and Charles Taintor.[16]

Dorothy's third husband, Joseph Langrell, made his will 30 September 1777, with a codicil dated 15 April 1782, which was attested to by Mary Williams and Sally Lord, and recorded 4 January 1783. The will gave his second wife, Dorothy, one-third of his personal estate and the use of his house as long as she remained his widow. Joseph mentioned his grandson William Hyde, his daughter Mary Law, and grandchildren Joseph Langrell Rowley and Azubah Hills, who were heirs of his deceased daughter, Bethiah Rowley. Grandson Thomas Langrell Hyde was given land in Norwich that had belonged to his grandfather. Great-granddaughter Sarah Hyde was given furniture. The inventory amounted to £480-0-0. His wife Dorothy and grandson William Hyde were named as executors. Witnesses were John Watrous, Jerusha Watrous and Jerusha Watrous, 2nd.[17]

Dorothy (Otis) (Bigelow) (Day) Langrell, in her will dated 19 April 1793, probated 24 November 1794, mentioned her well-beloved sons Jonathan, Otis and Asa Bigelow, and her daughters Sarah Hopkins and Betty Abel. She did not mention her son, Charles Day, who had shared equally with his Day step-brothers in Dorothy's second husband's estate. Sons Jonathan and Otis Bigelow were named executors. The witnesses were Patrick Butler, step-grandson William Hyde and her own son by her first husband, Otis Bigelow, Jr. The distribution of Dorothy's estate was

completed 24 November 1795. Daughter Sarah Bigelow married John Hopkins and Betty Bigelow married Simon Abel.[18]

Children (**Bigelow**), by her first husband, Asa Bigelow, born in Colchester, Conn.:[19]

i. **Asa**[6], born 31 October 1738, died unmarried 18 September 1754.
ii. **Jonathan**, born 10 August 1740.
iii. **Dorothy**, born 2 September 1742.
iv. **Sarah**, born 13 November 1744.
v. **Otis**, born 4 January 1746/7.
vi. **Betty**, born 8 February 1749, died 28 January 1751/2.
vii. **Delight**, born 25 February 1751, died 28 September 1754.
viii. **Betty**, born 21 March 1753.
ix. **Asa**, born 12 May 1755 (posthumous).

Child (**Day**), by her second husband, Isaac Day, born in Colchester, Conn.:[20]

x. **Charles**, born 14 July 1763.

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396. **Desire Otis**[5] (*Hannah Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Colchester, Conn., 20 May 1723,[1] the daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Thacher) Otis. Desire died in East Haddam, Conn., 12 April 1801, aged 78 years.[2]

Desire Otis married in Colchester 29 October 1747 **Ichabod Bartlett**,[3] who was born in Lebanon, Conn., 20 October 1723,[4] the son of Josiah Bartlett and his wife, Mercy Chandler. He was a descendant of *Mayflower* passengers Richard Warren and John Alden. Ichabod Bartlett died in Lebanon 10 December 1798.[5]

Desire's father, Nathaniel Otis, in his will dated 21 March 1768, called her his "daughter, Desire Bartlett."[6]

Deacon Ichabod Bartlett, a farmer, shoemaker and tanner, lived in Lebanon and Windsor, Conn. In his will drawn 11 May 1786, probated 8 January 1799, Ichabod gave his wife one-third of his personal estate and the use of one-third of his real estate during her lifetime. After her

death, his real estate was to be divided equally between his beloved sons, Judah, John and Seth Bartlett. He mentioned his "oldest daughters," Lydia, Desire and Hannah, and his "younger daughters," Molly and Lucy. Son Seth Bartlett was named executor. The witnesses were David Young, Hobart McCall and Lette Metcalf. The estate was valued at £77-9-10. Distribution was made between 17 August and 20 September 1800.[7]

After Ichabod's death, Desire apparently went to live with a daughter in East Haddam, Conn., where she died, called "Widow Bartlett of Goshen, aged 78 years."[8]

Children (**Bartlett**), born in Lebanon, Conn.:[9]

i. **Lydia**[6], born 6 May 1748.
ii. **Desire**, born 24 April 1750.
iii. **Judah**, born 15 June 1752.
iv. **John**, born 29 September 1754.
v. **Hannah**, born 24 May 1757.
vi. **Molly**, born 4 April 1760.
vii. **Lucy**, born 19 December 1763.
viii. **Seth**, born 18 June 1766.

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397. **John Otis**[5] (*Hannah Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Colchester, Conn., 1 April 1728,[1] the son of Nathaniel and Hannah (Thacher) Otis. John died there 24 October 1804, aged 76 years (*sic*).[2]

John Otis married in Colchester 20 December 1750 **Prudence Taintor**,[3] who was born in Colchester 9 December 1729,[4] the daughter of Michael and Eunice (Foot) Taintor. Prudence died in Colchester 7 June 1823, aged 94 years (*sic*).[5]

John Otis was named by his father, Nathaniel Otis, as the executor of his estate, in his will dated 21 March 1768.[6]

John was a farmer, land surveyor and office holder.[7] Prudence Otis, was admitted to church membership in Colchester 1 November 1809, called "John Otis, his widow."[8]

John Otis died intestate. On 7 November 1804, an inventory of John's estate was taken by Martin Wells and David (surname unclear) which amounted to $2,832.49.[9]

Children (**Otis**), born in Colchester, Conn.:[10]

i. **Hannah**[6], born 24 February 1751/2.
ii. **Nathaniel**, born 19 June 1753.
iii. **Sarah**, born 24 May 1755.
iv. **Ann**, born 15 March 1757.
v. **John Thacher**, born 31 October 1758.
vi. **Charles**, born 29 October 1760.
vii. **Prudence**, born 23 November 1762.
viii. **Mercy**, born 17 September 1764.
ix. **James**, born 6 June 1767.
x. **Eunice**, born 28 November 1770.
xi. **David**, born 20 August 1773.
x. **Amos**, born 18 April 1776.

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398. **Mercy Otis**[5] (*Hannah Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Colchester, Conn., 3 July 1734,[1] the daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Thacher) Otis. Mercy died after 1785 when she moved to Florida, N.Y., with her husband.[2]

Mercy Otis married in Colchester 14 December 1753 **Nathaniel Bartlett**,[3] who was born in Lebanon (Goshen), Conn., 17 November 1727,[4] the son of Josiah and Mercy (Chandler) Bartlett and a brother of her sister Desire's husband. He was a descendant of *Mayflower* passengers Richard Warren and John Alden. Nathaniel Bartlett died in Charlton, (Balston), Saratoga County, N.Y., in either 1785 or 1800.[5]

Mary's father, Nathaniel Otis, named her as his daughter, "Mercy Bartlett," in his will dated 21 March 1768.[6]

Little can be found in print about this Nathaniel Bartlett. The *DAR Patriot Index* states that the Nathaniel Bartlett who married Mercy Otis served in the Coast Guard from Connecticut. It mistakenly gives him Mercy's birthdate.[7]

Goshen (Lebanon) church records show that Nathaniel Bartlett had many servants baptized there. In his only land transaction, on 15 April 1785, Nathaniel Bartlett sold his land to his son-in-law, Otis Bigelow, husband of his daughter, Betty.[8] In 1785 Nathaniel and Mercy moved to Florida, now in Montgomery County, New York, with some of their children.[9]

Their son Josiah Bartlett became a State Assemblyman from Montgomery County.[10] Their daughter Lydia married Dr. Stephen Reynolds and lived in Amsterdam, across the Mohawk River in Saratoga County.[11] A Nathaniel Bartlett, perhaps their son, was recorded in the 1790 Federal Census in Mohawk Town, Montgomery County, New York, with three white males over 16, one under 16, two females and several slaves.[12]

Children (**Bartlett**), born and baptized in Lebanon, Conn.:[13]

i. **Betty**^{6}, born 1 October 1754.
ii. **Josiah**, bapt. 8 May 1757.
iii. **Alice**, bapt. 22 April 1759.
iv. **Nathaniel**, bapt. 9 August 1761.
v. **Sarah**, bapt. 4 December 1763.
vi. **Martin**, bapt. 31 August 1766.
vii. **Lydia**, bapt. 29 August 1770.
viii. **Flavel/Havel**, (son), bapt. 30 April 1775.

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399. **Joseph Thacher**^{5} (*Judah*^{4}, *Lydia Gorham*^{3}, *Desire*^{2} *Howland, John*^{1}) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 10 September 1726,[1] the son of Judah and Sarah (Crosby) Thacher. Joseph died there 24 December 1771, in his 46th year.[2]

Joseph Thacher, "Jr.," married in Yarmouth 27 July 1749 (intentions 25 February 1748/9) **Abigail Hawes**^{6},[3] who was born in Yarmouth 16 September 1730,[4] the daughter of Ebenezer Hawes^{5} (*Ebenezer*^{4}, *Desire Gorham*^{3}, *Desire*^{2} *Howland, John*^{1}) and his wife, Sarah Hedge. [See #113:i, page 185.] Abigail died in Yarmouth 21 June 1789, in her 59th year.[5]

Joseph Thacher died before his father, Judah Thacher, who mentioned Joseph's children in his will dated 7 August 1773, naming them as Solomon, Peleg, Ebenezer, Isaac, Joseph, Daniel, Barnabas, Ezekiel, Lydia, Sarah and Temperance.[6]

Letters of administration on the intestate estate of Joseph Thacher, blacksmith, of Yarmouth, were given to his brother, David Thacher, 9 April 1772. The inventory of £39-12-8 was taken by James Hawes, John

Rider and Peter Thacher, and was accepted by the court 9 May 1772. An allowance of £15-19-9 was made to the widow 10 August 1773. David Thacher, Esq., presented his accounts 11 August 1773, and the estate was declared insolvent.[7]

Children (**Thacher**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., all baptized in the West Yarmouth Church, 8 November 1772:[8]

i. **Solomon**[6], born 3 April 1750.
ii. **Peleg**, born 22 November 1751.
iii. **Ebenezer**, born 2 June 1754.
iv. **Lydia**, born 22 January 1756.
v. **Isaac**, born 6 September 1757.
vi. **Joseph**, born 16 April 1759.
vii. **Sarah**, born 10 May 1761.
viii. **Temperance**, born 22 December 1762.
ix. **Daniel**, born 29 April 1765, living in 1773; died young.
x. **Barnabas**, born 26 August 1768.
xi. **Ezekiel**, born 26 January 1772, died 1785, unmarried.

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400. **David Thacher**[5] (*Judah*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 14 March 1730,[1] the son of Judah and Sarah (Crosby) Thacher. He died there 9 November 1801 [town records say 1800], in his 72d year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.[2]

David Thacher married in Yarmouth 1 January 1754 (intentions Yarmouth 31 October 1753) **Abigail Russell**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 17 March 1727,[4] the daughter of Dr. John and Mehitable (Lothrop) Russell. Abigail died in Yarmouth 25 April 1803,[5] aged 76 years, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.

David Thacher, Esq., served with his brother Josiah, as joint executor of the will of his father, Judah Thacher, dated 7 August 1773.[6] Called "Hon. David Thacher," he was a representative to the General Court for twenty-seven years and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He was a member of the Committee of Safety during the Revolutionary War, and served on the commission for forming the State and Federal constitutions.[7]

No probate records have been found in Barnstable County for David Thacher, perhaps because only one of his children lived to adulthood to inherit his property.

Children (**Thacher**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[8]

i. **Mehitable**[6], born 12 February 1760, died 24 April 1764, in her 5th year.
ii. **David**, born and died young.
iii. **Judah**, born and died young.
iv. **Judah**, born and died young.
v. **Mehitable**, born and died young.
vi. **David**, born 10 June 1767, bapt. West Yarmouth Church, 14 June 1767.

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401. **Josiah Thacher**[5] (*Judah*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 2 February 1732/3,[1] the son of Judah and Sarah (Crosby) Thacher. Josiah died in Yarmouth 19 January 1802, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.[2]

Josiah Thacher married first, in Yarmouth 22 February 1759 **Desire Crowell**[6],[3] who was born in Yarmouth 30 May 1736,[4] the daughter of Ebenezer Crowell and his wife, Mercy Gorham[5] (*John*[4], *James*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland*, *John*[1]). [See #220:v, page 299.] Desire died in Yarmouth 27 February 1788, in her 52d year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.[5]

Lt. Josiah Thacher married second, 1 January 1789 (intentions Yarmouth 12 December 1788), as her second husband, **Mary (Miller) Hedge**,[6] who was born in Yarmouth 22 August 1744,[7] the daughter of John and Hannah (——) Miller. Mary was the widow of Josiah Hedge whom she married 20 April 1769, (intentions 4 February 1769).[8] Mary died in Yarmouth 15 January 1811, in her 67th year.[9]

Josiah's first wife, Desire, was called "Desire Thacher" by her father, Ebenezer Crowell, in his will dated 20 February 1760, proved 10 September 1771.[10] Josiah and his brother, David, were joint executors of the will of their father, Judah Thacher, dated 7 August 1773.[11] Josiah was a deacon of the West Barnstable Church, a lieutenant in the militia, and an innkeeper.[12]

In his will dated 16 January 1802, probated 9 February 1802, Josiah Thacher of Yarmouth, "being advanced in age," gave his second wife, Mary, one-third of his estate during her life, and the household furniture she brought with her at their marriage. Josiah mentioned his daughter, Anna Dustan, and her daughter, Charlotte Dustan, who were to live in his

dwelling house. He gave his son, Edmund, his dwelling house. He mentioned his other sons, James Thacher and Josiah Thacher, Jr., and his other daughters, Mercy Hedge and Desire Taylor. Son James Thacher was named executor.[13]

Children (**Thacher**), all by his first wife, Desire Crowell, born in Yarmouth, Mass., baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[14]

i. **Mercy/Marcy**[6], born 20 March 1760, bapt. 12 April 1767.
ii. Daughter, born 26 July 1761, died 28 April 1762.
iii. **Judah**, born 2 July 1762, bapt. 12 April 1767; died unmarried; lost at sea.
iv. **James**, born 15 May 1764, bapt. 12 April 1767.
v. **Josiah**, born 1 July 1766, bapt. 12 April 1767.
vi. **Desire**, born 6 February 1769, bapt. 19 March 1769.
vii. **Anna**, born 23 June 1771, bapt. 23 June 1771 (*sic*).
viii. **Edmund**, born 24 March 1774, bapt. 17 April 1774.

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402. **Sarah Thacher**[5] (*Judah*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 17 August 1737,[1] the daughter of Judah and Sarah (Crosby) Thacher. Sarah probably died in Falmouth, Mass., before 7 August 1773, the date her father made his will.[2]

Sarah Thacher married first, as his second wife, in Yarmouth 17 October 1765 **Prince Hawes**[6], "Jr.,"[3] who was born in Yarmouth 15 April 1736,[4] the son of Prince Hawes[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Anna Hedge. [See #109:i, page 182.] Prince Hawes had married first, (intentions) in Yarmouth 2 April 1757 Elizabeth Hallet,[5] by whom he had three children, Joseph Hawes, born 11 October 1758, Elizabeth Hawes, born 21 September 1760, both baptized 7 August 1763, and Abigail Hawes, born 19 September 1763, baptized 30 October 1763, died 18 May 1764. They were all descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland through their father.[6]

Sarah (Thacher) Hawes "of Yarmouth," married second, as his second wife, at Falmouth 21 November 1771 **Thomas Palmer**,[7] who was born in Falmouth 12 February 1737/8,[8] the son of the Rev. Samuel and Mercy (Parker) Palmer. Thomas Palmer had married first, in Barnstable 26 May 1763, Sarah's cousin, Elizabeth Thacher[5-6-6] of Barnstable,[9], who was the daughter of Thomas Thacher[4] (*Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1])

and his wife, Thankful Baxter[5-5] (*Shubael Baxter*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Elizabeth [Gorham*[4]*] Downs, Jabez Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Elizabeth died in Falmouth 23 December 1768, aged 26 years.,[10] after having had two children, Matty/Martha/Marthy Palmer[6-7-7], who was born 20 October 1766, and Thomas Palmer, born 20 August 1767, and baptized in Falmouth 23 August 1767.[11] [See #422, pages 545-46.] Thomas Palmer married third, in Sandwich (intentions) 26 March 1774 Abigail Perry of Sandwich.[12] Thomas died in Falmouth 25 April 1773, in his 38th year.[13]

Prince Hawes, [Sr.], the father of Sarah's first husband, in his will dated 1 March 1769, probated 14 January 1772, mentioned his missing son, Prince Hawes, [Jr.], "supposed to be deceased but should he be alive and return home, my will is that he shall come in and inherit one-fourth of my real estate here bequeathed to my son Simeon."[14]

No probate records have been found for Sarah's first husband, Prince Hawes, Jr., who died at sea, but Sarah's father, Judah Thacher, mentioned their daughter, [his granddaughter], Anna Hawes, in his will dated 7 August 1773.[15]

Sarah's second husband, "Mr. Thomas Palmer, late of Falmouth," died intestate. His brother, Joseph Palmer, Jr., was appointed administrator of his estate, 5 May 1775. The inventory, which included his "second wives apparel," was taken 15 May 1775 by Timothy Crocker, David Allen and Job Parker, and was appraised at £29-9-8. On 28 September 1775, Thomas Palmer's third wife, widow Abigail Palmer, had her "thirds" set off to her by David Butler, Stephen Bowerman and Nathaniel Nickerson. Abigail was also given the use of the house for life. The account of Joseph Palmer, Jr. administrator, was recorded in Falmouth in March 1776, and again in Barnstable 11 September 1776. It amounted to £94-10-2. The final account, dated 10 June 1785, came to £25-10-6.[16]

On 25 June 1775, Thomas Palmer's third wife, Abigail Palmer, was named guardian of Job Palmer, Sarah's son by her second husband, Thomas Palmer. On 21 and 22 July 1776, Thankful (Baxter) (Thacher) (Lumbert) Hinckley of Falmouth, the mother of Thomas Palmer's first wife, Elizabeth, was named guardian of [her grandchildren], Marthy Palmer and Thomas Palmer, minor children of Thomas Palmer, deceased. In yet another change, on 10 September 1776, Thomas Palmer's brother, Joseph Palmer, Jr., gentleman, was appointed guardian of Martha and Thomas Palmer, the children of Thomas Palmer by his first wife, Elizabeth, and of Job Palmer, his son by his second wife, Sarah.[17] Both of Sarah's children, Anna Hawes and Job Palmer, were mentioned by Sarah's father, the Hon. Judah Thacher, in his will dated 7 August 1773 and probated 10 February 1775.[18]

Child (**Hawes**), by her first husband, **Prince Hawes**, born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[19]

i. **Anna/Anner**[6], born 4 August 1766, bapt. in the West Yarmouth Church, 12 December 1773.

Child (**Palmer**), by her second husband, Thomas Palmer, born in Falmouth, Mass.:[20]

ii. **Job**, born 11 August 1772.

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403. **John Thacher**[5] (*Judah*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 25 August 1739 and baptized 26 August 1739,[1] the son of Judah and Sarah (Crosby) Thacher. John died in Yarmouth 12 August 1799, in his 60th year, and was buried in the Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth.[2]

John Thacher married in Yarmouth 18 March 1766 **Hannah Matthews**[7],[3] who was born in Yarmouth 2 May 1747,[4] the daughter of Isaac Matthews[6] (*Hannah Sturgis*[5], *James*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Sarah Hawes. [See #156:ii (Isaac Matthews), page 233.] Hannah married second, in Yarmouth 10 March 1805 (intentions 24 February 1805) Robert Homer,[5] who was born in Yarmouth 28 January 1742,[6], the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Sears) Homer. Robert Homer had previously married first, 7 January 176(?) Jerusha Sears,[7] who died 15 August 1803, aged 64 years,[8] and by whom he had Mercy Homer, born 1769, Bengerman Homer, born 1771, Elizabeth Homer, born 1773, Daniel Homer, born 1775, and Robert Homer, born 1779,[9] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Hannah died in Yarmouth 24 April 1832, at 85 years of age, and was buried 26 April 1832 in the Ancient Cemetery, Yarmouth. Her death record reads, "Hannah, 2nd wife of Robert Homer, formerly widow of John Thacher."[10]

John Thacher was mentioned by his father, the Hon. Judah Thacher, in his will dated 7 August 1773, probated 10 February 1775.[11] He was the town clerk in Yarmouth from 1789 to 1799.[12] His will, dated 21 September 1798, was probated 11 January 1804 by his son, John Thacher, "one of

the executors with his mother." In it John gave his loving wife Hannah the use of all of his estate, both real and personal. He mentioned his unmarried daughters, Sally and Elizabeth, his married daughter, Hannah Killey, and his granddaughter, Hannah Bray, daughter of his deceased daughter, Rebecca Bray. He gave his four older sons, John, Isaiah, Job and Elkanah, half of his estate, to be divided equally among them after their mother's decease. His two younger sons were to receive the other half. If his widow, Hannah, died before their younger daughters, Sally and Elizabeth, arrived at the age of 18, or married, they were to live in his dwelling house until their marriages. Wife Hannah and son John were named joint executors. Witnesses were Thomas Thacher, Joseph Griffith and Joseph Howes. An inventory, dated 2 October 1800, was admitted by the court.[13]

Children (**Thacher**), born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[14]

i. **Rebecca**[6-8], born 23 November 1766.
ii. **John**, born 24 March 1769.
iii. **Hannah**, born 17 August 1771.
iv. **Isaiah**, born 6 November 1773; lost at sea 25 September 1798.
v. **Job**, born 30 December 1776, died at Cape Hayti, West Indies, in August 1802 of yellow fever.
vi. **Elkanah**, born 18 January 1779, died at Cape Hayti, West Indies, in August 1802, of yellow fever.
vii. **Sarah/Sally**, born 19 April 1782 (twin).
viii. **Elizabeth**, born 19 April 1782 (twin), died 29 May 178(?).
ix. **Isaac**, born 5 September 1784, died in Jamaica, West Indies in February 1801 of yellow fever.
x. **Matthews**, born 8 June 1788 (twin).
xi. **Elizabeth**, born 8 June 1788 (twin).

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404. **William Thacher**[5] (*Judah*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 30 March 1743, and baptized 3 April 1743,[1] the son of Judah and Sarah (Crosby) Thacher. William died in South Dartmouth, Mass., 24 May 1829, in his 88th year.[2]

William Thacher married in Yarmouth before 1768 **Thankful Hedge**[6-6,3] who was born in Yarmouth 17 February 1750/1,[4] the daughter of Thomas Hedge and his wife, Mary Gorham[5-5] (*James*[4-3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1])

(*Mary Joyce[4], Elizabeth Chipman[3], Hope[2] Howland, John[1]*). [See #209:vi, page 286.] Thankful died in South Dartmouth, Mass., 7 April 1823, aged 73 years, and was buried in the Elm Street Cemetery, South Dartmouth.[5]

William's father, Judah Thacher, Esq., in his will dated 7 August 1773, probated 10 February 1775, gave William the dwelling house where Judah lived and a share in his dock.[6]

William Thacher lived in Yarmouth until 1803 when he moved to Dartmouth. He was a deacon in the church, a carpenter and shipbuilder, and the owner of a sloop which sailed between Boston and Yarmouth. He built the first lighthouse on the back of Cape Cod and was a member of the committee for drawing up the new Constitution for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1776.[7]

In his will dated 5 October 1828, William Thacher, Sr., of Dartmouth, yeoman, mentioned his four sons, Laban, William, Judah and Gorum, who were given all of his wearing apparel to be divided among them. He mentioned his two daughters, Thankful Hawes and Mehitable Kelly, who were given ten acres of land in Yarmouth and a four acre lot in Dartmouth, divided between them, and all of his beds and bedding, as well as $10.00 each. He also mentioned his grandson Davis Thacher, who was given half of a woodlot in Dartmouth, and grandson Laban Thacher, Jr., who was given half of a cedar swamp. He gave his grandson Davis Kelley, and granddaughters Polly Packard, Susannah Lapham, Sarah Thacher and Mary Thacher, $1.00 each. He gave his pew in the Congregational Meeting House to the church. The remainder of the estate was given to his son, Gorham Thacher and his grandson, Laban Thacher, Jr., to be equally divided. His eldest son, Laban Thacher, was named sole executor. Witnesses were Jireh Shearman, James Warren and James Shearman.[8]

On 28 July 1829, notice of the sale of land at Westport, "on the first Tuesday in October next," was published in the *New Bedford Mercury* by Laban Thacher, executor. On 5 February 1830, William Thacher's will was allowed and approved but the administration was given to the youngest son, Gorham Thacher of Dartmouth, yeoman, since Laban Thacher, the executor named in the will, had neglected to file bond within twenty days as the law directed. Appraisers appointed 6 February 1830, were Jireh Shearman, Prince Sears and John Southworth. An inventory valued at $274.91 was presented 7 February 1830. On 4 May 1830, the administrator told the court that the estate was insolvent and insufficient to pay just debts. Land in Yarmouth was appraised and added to the accounts. An auction was held 10 May 1831, which raised $615.90. The accounting was submitted 9 September 1831, with creditors being paid 86 cents on the dollar. A further sale was authorized 22 February 1832 and 8 April 1832.[9]

Children (**Thacher**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[10]

i. **Mehitable**[6-7-7], born 25 October 1768, bapt. 15 July 1770, died 2 April 1774, in her 6th year.
ii. **Laban**, born 9 September 1772, bapt. 11 October 1772.
iii. **Molly Gorham**, born 10 June 1775, bapt. 18 June 1775.
iv. **Thankful**, bapt. 15 April 1778, died young.
v. **Thankful**, born 31 July 1780, bapt. 24 September 1780.
vi. **Judah**, born 28 August 1784, bapt. 3 October 1784 (twin).
vii. **William**, born 28 August 1784, bapt. 3 October 1784 (twin).
viii. **Mehitable**, born 1 April 1787, bapt. 6 May 1787.
ix. **Gorham**, born 25 April 1790, bapt., 30 May 1790.

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405. **David Lothrop**[5] (*Ann Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 18 October 1723,[1] the son of John and Ann (Thacher) Lothrop. David died in Tolland, Conn., 3 or 4 October 1787, aged 63 years, and was buried in the Tolland Cemetery.[2]

David Lothrop married in Tolland 28 January 1747 **Clarinda/Clorinda Delano**,[3] called "both of Tolland." Clorinda was born in Tolland 26 December 1731,[4] the daughter of Jabez Delano and his wife, Prudent Hibbard of Windham, Conn. Clorinda died in Tolland 15 December 1804 and was buried in the Tolland cemetery.[5] Her headstone apparently gives her age at death as 78 years, perhaps a mistake for "73 years," an age that fits with her birthdate in Tolland records. Clorinda was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Richard Warren.

David Lothrop was mentioned by his father, John Lothrop, in his will dated 2 October 1752, probated 11 November 1752.[6] David was a farmer in Tolland. According to his headstone inscription, he served in Capt. Grant's Company during the Revolutionary War.[7]

In his will dated 26 June 1787, proved 16 November 1787, David Lothrop gave his beloved wife, "Clorandy," one-half of his land and buildings, as long as she remained his widow. She also received his furniture and looms, weaving utensils and half of the "indoor movables." If she married again, in lieu of the improvement of his lands and buildings, his grandson, Billy Bradley, was to pay Clorandy £5 annually. David also gave

his wife a one-half interest in the notes he held against John Lothrop for the use of the gristmill. Daughter Hannah Bradley was given the other half of the "indoor movables" and two notes on John Lothrop. Hannah's husband Jabez Bradley, called "beloved son," was given land, money and one-half of his father-in-law's right in the sawmill. All other lands and buildings were given to grandson Billy Bradley who was to supply his grandmother with firewood and pay "one middling cow" to each of the other grandsons, Samuel, Boswell and David Bradley. Also mentioned were granddaughters Cloe, Rocksy and Betsy Bradley. Jabez Bradley was named executor. Witnesses were Sibil Robinson and Rowland Lothrop. The inventory, amounting to £682-5-7, was taken by Solomon Wills, John Lothrop and Joshua Robinson. On the same day that the witnesses attested to the will before Solomon Wills, "Justice peace," grandson Billy Bradley, "minor grandson of Mr. David Lothrop, deceased," made choice of his father, Mr. Jabez Bradley to be his guardian.[8]

After David Lothrop's death, his son-in-law and daughter, Jabez and Hannah (Lothrop) Bradley, had two more sons, Jabez, born 20 April 1788 and Chester, born 5 April 1792.[9]

Children (**Lothrop**), born in Tolland, Conn.:[10]

i. **Samuel**[6], born 7 November 1748, died 11 July 1751.
ii. **Hannah**, born 9 April 1750.
iii. **Samuel**, born 15 April 175(-), died 6 October 1760.

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406. **Hannah Lothrop**[5] (*Ann Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Tolland, Conn., 5 July 1725,[1] the daughter of John and Ann (Thacher) Lothrop. Hannah died in Willington, Conn., 23 August 1805, aged 80 years.[2]

Hannah Lothrop married in Tolland 28 December 1747 **Varney Fellows**,[3] who was born in Plainfield, Conn., 11 July 1724,[4] the son of Isaac and Abigail (Hutchins) Fellows. Varney Fellows died in Belchertown, Mass., after August 1806.[5]

Hannah was called "Hannah Fellows" by her father, John Lothrop, in his will dated 2 October 1752, probated 11 November 1752.[6]

On 26 February 1793 "Verny Fellows, Sr., of Willington, county of Tolland, and Verny Fellows, Jr., of Wethersfield, county of Windsor, [Vermont]," sold their Willington, Conn., land to Josiah Crocker.[7] Willington

church records show that "Varny Fellows, church member, August 1806, was dismissed by letter to Belcher."[8]

Children (**Fellows**), born in Tolland, Conn.:[9]

i. **Nathan**[6], born 23 September 1748.
ii. **Elizabeth**, born 20 November 1750.
iii. **John**, born 18 December 1752.
iv. **Varney**, born 3 May 1755, died 17 January 1756.
v. **Varney**, born 22 November 1756.
vi. **Eleazer**, born 9 April 1759, died 21 October 1760.
vii. **Hannah**, born 13 June 1761.
viii. **Ruth**, born 25 November 1763.
ix. **Sarah**, born 27 January 1766.
x. **Anne Mercy**, born in 1769.
xi. **Eleazer**, born 2 April 1772.

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407. **Jonathan Lothrop**[5] (*Ann Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Tolland, Conn., 18 September 1727,[1] the son of John and Ann (Thacher) Lothrop. He died in Tolland 21 July 1807, at 79 years of age.[2]

Jonathan Lothrop married in Tolland 20 December 1753 **Rachel Ladd**,[3] called "both of Tolland." Rachel was born in Coventry, Conn., 8 May 1736,[4] the daughter of Timothy and Esther (Parker) Ladd. Rachel died in Tolland 3 November 1754, aged 18 years.[5]

Jonathan's father, John Lothrop, in his will dated 2 October 1752, probated 11 November 1752, named Jonathan as the executor of his estate.[6]

Jonathan's wife, Rachel Ladd, inherited £83-7-4 from her father in 1747, before her marriage to Jonathan Lothrop.[7] Rachel died soon after the birth of their only child. No record has been found for a second marriage for Jonathan. He continued to live in the area and was certainly the Jonathan Lothrop who, with two others, inventoried the estate of his brother-in-law, Timothy Delano, 31 May 1777.[8] He probably served in the Revolutionary War for a marker is on his grave.

No probate records have been found for Jonathan Lothrop.

Child (**Lothrop**), born in Tolland, Conn.:[9]

i. **Rachel**[6], born 22 October 1754.

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408. **Anna Lothrop**[5] (*Ann Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Tolland, Conn., 10 March 1730,[1] the daughter of John and Ann (Thacher) Lothrop. Anna died after 2 October 1752,[2] the date of her father's will.

Anna Lothrop apparently remained unmarried and had no children. There were several women named Anna Lothrop in the Tolland area. This Anna Lothrop was about 22 years of age and unmarried when mentioned by her father, John Lothrop, in his will dated 2 October 1752, proved 11 November 1752.[3] It has been said that this Anna Lothrop was the Anna Lothrop who married Jacob White in Lebanon, Conn., 5 November 1761,[4] who was possibly the one born in Lebanon 20 January 1735/6, the son of Thomas and Sarah White of Lebanon.[5] If true, our Anna would have been 31 years of age when she married Jacob White, and he would have been five years younger, about 27 years old. Our Anna would have been almost 48 years of age when Jacob White's last child was born in Tolland, 14 April 1778. This is possible, but no real proof has been found that this Jacob White was the husband of our Anna Lothrop, daughter of John and Ann (Thacher) Lothrop.

Apparently the Mayflower Society has accepted an erroneous line for our Anna Lothrop through a different Anna Lothrop who was born in Windham, Conn., 15 February 1732/3.[6] The Anna Lothrop of Windham married Joseph Warner, Jr., at Windham, 31 December 1754.[7] The Windham Anna Lothrop was the daughter of Benjamin Lothrop, who was the son of Samuel and Hannah (Crocker) Lothrop of Barnstable, Mass. Benjamin Lothrop married in Barnstable 20 April 1720 Mercy Baker, the daughter of John and Anna (Annable) Baker.[8] They had five children born in Barnstable before they moved to Windham, Conn., where their daughter, Anna, was born. Anna Lothrop of Windham could not have been the daughter of John and Ann (Thacher) Lothrop who lived in Tolland, Conn. Anna Lothrop of Windham was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

There was a third Anna Lothrop (or Lathrop), who was born in Tolland, Conn., 26 March 1742, the daughter of Ichabod and Abigail (Baker) Lothrop. Ichabod Lothrop was the son of Melatiah and Sarah (Farrar) Lothrop of Barnstable, Mass., and Abigail Baker was the daughter of John

and Anna (Annable) Baker, as was her sister, Mercy Baker, who married Benjamin Lothrop, mentioned above.[9] This third, younger Anna Lothrop, daughter of Ichabod and Abigail (Baker) Lothrop, would have been nineteen years of age in 1761. She would have been old enough to have married Jacob White of Lebanon, 5 November 1761, and young enough to have had their last child in 1778.[10] This third Anna Lothrop, daughter of Ichabod and Abigail (Baker) Lothrop/Lathrop, was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

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409. **John Lothrop**[5] (*Ann Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Tolland, Conn., 6 May 1732,[1] the son of John and Ann (Thacher) Lothrop. John died in Tolland 24 March 1812, in his 80th year.[2]

John Lothrop married in Coventry, Conn., 10 December 1754 **Lucy Gray** of Coventry,[3] whose parentage has not been determined. Lucy died in Tolland 25 December 1807.[4]

John Lothrop was bequeathed £200 by his father, John Lothrop, in his will dated 2 October 1752, probated 11 November 1752.[5]

No probate records have been found for this John Lothrop.

Children (**Lothrop**), born in Tolland, Conn.:[6]

i. **Desire**[6], born 6 October 1755, died 11 November 1755.
ii. **Anne**, born 19 October 1756, died 23 November 1756.
iii. **Lusalla**, born 23 November 1757.
iv. **Presenda**, born 30 January 1761.
v. **John**, born 24 April 1763, died 10 December 1780, "at Horse Neck, by the sword of the enemy."
vi. **Elizabeth**, born 23 August 1765.
vii. **Alvira**, born 13 June 1768.
viii. **Rowland**, born 10 March 1771.
ix. **Lucy**, born 1 November 1774.
x. **Jonathan**, born 17 February 1776, died 13 May 1776.
xi. **Molley**, born 12 September 1779.

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410. **Thacher Lothrop**[5] (*Ann Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Tolland, Conn., 26 January 1733/4,[1] the son of John and Ann (Thacher) Lothrop. Thacher died, perhaps in Windsor, Conn., 30 December 1806.[2]

Thacher Lothrop married in Windsor, also recorded in Tolland, 10 November 1775 **Submit Loomis**,[3] who was born in Windsor 20 October 1736,[4] the daughter of Moses Loomis and his second wife, Elizabeth Bidwell. Submit died, perhaps in East Windsor, Conn., 22 August 1794.[5]

Thacher Lothrop was bequeathed £200 by his father, John Lothrop, in his will dated 2 October 1752, proved 11 November 1752.[6] He served in the Revolutionary War as an Ensign.[7] He succeeded Timothy Skinner as sexton of Wapping Parish in Windsor in 1777.[8]

Children (**Lothrop**), first child born in Tolland, Conn., rest probably born in Windsor, Conn., fifth through ninth baptized in the East Windsor Church:[9]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 2 September 1756.
ii. **David**, born 26 April 1758.
iii. **Lydia**, probably born about 1760, died 10 March 1772.
iv. **Lura**, born in 1762.
v. Child, bapt. 30 June 1763.
vi. **Submit**, bapt. 20 January 1765.
vii. **Luther**, born 5 October 1766, bapt. 12 October 1766.
viii. Child, bapt. 11 May 1768.
ix. **Loring**, born 3 April 1770, bapt. 30 May 1770.
x. **Vallely**, born 1772 (female).

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411. **Lydia Lothrop**[5] (*Ann Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Tolland, Conn., 21 June 1736,[1] the daughter of John and Ann (Thacher) Lothrop. Lydia died after 6 October 1777.[2]

Lydia Lothrop married in Tolland 1 August 1754 **Timothy Delano**,[3] who was born in Tolland 4 November 1729,[4] the son of Jonathan and Amey (Crane) Delano. Timothy probably died in mid-May 1777,[5]

Lydia was unmarried when her father, John Lothrop, mentioned her in his will dated 2 October 1752, probated 11 November 1752.[6] Lydia's husband, Timothy Delano, was a farmer. As a private in the militia, he answered the Lexington Alarm at the start of the Revolutionary War.[7]

Timothy Delano died intestate. His brother-in-law, Capt. David Lothrop, was appointed as the administrator of the estate. The inventory was taken 31 May 1777 by Solomon Wills, Jonathan Lothrop and a third person [illegible]. On 6 October 1777, the widow of Capt. Timothy Delano was granted a one-third interest in his estate, which was valued at £796-16-2. His debts amounted to £506-16-9. The division took place 16 June 1778. After the inventory of the estate was filed, Lydia was granted her dower, giving her the use of the house for her natural life, but the estate was so encumbered with debt that the house had to be sold.[8]

Children (**Delano**), born in Tolland, Conn.:[9]

i. **Tryphena**[6], born 18 August 1755.
ii. **Calvin**, born 10 November 1756.
iii. **Roxanna**, born 26 July 1758.
iv. **Luther**, born 13 April 1760.
v. **Amy**, born in 1762.
vi. **Lydia**, born in 1763.
vii. **Nathan**, born in 1764.
viii. **Sarah**, born in 1765, died 27 September 1775, aged 10 years.[10]
ix. **Roger**, born 1766.
x. **Timothy**, born in 1769, died 5 October 1775, aged 6 years.[11]
xi. **Jethro**, born in 1773.

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412. **Elizabeth Lothrop**[5] (*Ann Thacher*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Tolland, Conn., 22 April 1740,[1] the daughter of John and Ann (Thacher) Lothrop. Elizabeth died in Tolland 25 May 1823 (or 1825), aged 83 years (*sic*).[2]

"Mrs" Elizabeth Lothrop married in Tolland 24 February 1763 **Solomon Willes/Willis/Wills/Wylls**,[3] called "both of Tolland." [The term "Mrs" was often used to indicate a higher social standing for an unmarried woman, being a contraction of "Mistress."] Elizabeth's husband, Solomon Willis, was born in Tolland 14 October 1731,[4] the son of Joshua Willis, Jr., and his wife, Millicent Yeomans. Solomon died in Tolland 10 December 1807, in his 77th year.[5]

Elizabeth Lothrop was unmarried when she was mentioned by her father, John Lothrop, in his will dated 2 October 1752, probated 11 November 1752.[6]

According to the *DAR Patriot Index*, Solomon Willis served in the Revolutionary War as a colonel, although his tombstone called him "Captain, Col. Spencer's Regiment."[7] He was an Associate Judge in Tolland County, a Justice of the Peace, and a member of the Connecticut Legislature for twenty-three sessions.[8]

No probate records have been found for Solomon Willis.

Children (**Willis**), born in Tolland, Conn.:[9]

i. **Roxalana**[6], born 3 December 1763.
ii. **Anne/Nancy**, born 3 September 1765.
iii. **Elizabeth**, born 30 November 1767.
iv. **Millicent**, born 12 September 1769.
v. **Azariah**, born 30 May 1772.
vi. **Solomon**, born 10 January 1775.
vii. **Wareham**, born 27 July 1780.

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413. **Desire Thacher**[5-6] (*Joseph*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Ruth Hawes*[5], *Ebenezer*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3]. *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 5 July 1730,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Hawes) Thacher. Desire died in 1816.[2]

Desire Thacher married in Yarmouth 25 January 1756 (intentions 2 January 1756) **Grindal Rawson**,[3] who was born in Dorchester, Mass., 29 July and baptized 30 July 1721,[4] the son of Peletiah and Hannah (Hall) Rawson of Milton, Mass. The Rev. Grindal Rawson died at the house of Ebenezer Rawson while on a visit to Sutton, Mass., 18 November 1794.[5]

Desire was mentioned in the will of her father, Col. Joseph Thacher, dated 4 November 1762, and also in the distribution of her mother's estate, 19 May 1772, in which she was called "Desire Rawson, wife of the Rev. Grindall Rawson."[6]

The Rev. Grindal Rawson was a graduate of Harvard, Class of 1741, and received an M.A. from Yale in 1753. He was installed as the Congregational minister in Ware, Mass., 9 May 1751, but resigned 30 January 1754. On 10 December 1755, he became the minister of the West Yar-

mouth Church a month before his marriage to Desire Thacher. He was dismissed in 1760. No records of baptisms, marriages or deaths have been found for those years. The Rawsons moved to Milton, Mass., where they lived with his parents. Desire was so badly treated that in 1766 her mother came from Yarmouth to take her home but Desire's husband had taken her to Stoughton. Desire finally moved to Norwich, Conn., where she obtained a divorce in March 1773. In 1775 Grindall Rawson married Eunice Clark in Harvard, Mass., but she left him two years later. The Rev. Mr. Rawson was living with his son, Jonathan Rawson, in Dover, New Hampshire, when he died in Sutton, Mass., while on a trip.[7]

Children (**Rawson**), first two recorded in Yarmouth, Mass., last probably born in Milton, Mass.:[8]

i. **Ruth**[6-7], born 13 August, bapt. 14 August 1757, died 7 September 1757.
ii. **Jonathan**, born 24 January 1759.
iii. **Hannah**, born 25 May 1761.

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414. **Ruth Thacher**[5-6] (*Joseph*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Ruth Hawes*[5], *Ebenezer*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3]. *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth 11 September 1736,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Hawes) Thacher. Ruth died in Yarmouth 19 October 1810, in her 72d year.[2]

Ruth Thacher married first, in Yarmouth 16 November 1755 (intentions 26 June 1755) **Ezekiel Webb**,[3] who was born in Freetown, Mass., 4 March 1733,[4] the son of Samuel and Bethiah Webb. Ezekiel died after 14 November 1762, the date Ruth's father, Joseph Thacher, made his will, and before 16 November 1764, the date her mother, Ruth Thacher, wrote her will.[5]

Ruth married second, in Yarmouth 17 December 1768 **Seth Whelden, Jr.**,[6] who was born in Yarmouth 26 May 1738,[7] the son of Seth and Mary (Mayo) Whelden. He died in Dartmouth, Mass., 8 October 1820, at the home of his son Joseph.[8]

Ruth's father, Col. Joseph Thacher, in his will dated 4 November 1762, called her "daughter Ruth Webb."[9] When her mother's estate was distri-

buted 12 January 1769, Ruth was called "Ruth Wheelden, wife of Seth Wheeldin, Junr."[10]

Ruth's second husband, Seth Whelden, was named sole executor of the will of his father, Seth Whelden, [Sr.], dated Yarmouth 3 June 1773, probated 10 August 1773, in which Seth was given one-third of his father's real and personal estate.[11] On 12 February 1805, Seth Whelden of Yarmouth, yeoman, and his wife Ruth, sold land in Dennis, Mass., to Eleazer Nickerson for $44.00. On the same day, Seth and Ruth Whelden sold three acres of woodland in Dennis, in equal thirds, to Silvanus Studley, Simeon Crowell and Obed Baxter, all of Dennis and all mariners, for $30.00. Both transactions were witnessed by Thomas Thacher and James Hedge.[12]

No probate records were found in Barnstable County for either of Ruth's husbands, Ezekiel Webb or Seth Whelden.

Child (**Webb**), by her first husband, Ezekiel Webb, born in Yarmouth, Mass.:[13]

i. **Sarah**[6-7], born 25 July 1756, bapt. 7 August 1756.

Children (**Whilden/Whelden**), by her second husband, Seth Whilden, born in Yarmouth, Mass., baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[14]

ii. **Isaac**, born 21 January 1771, bapt. 27 January 1771.
iii. **Mary/Molly**, born 14 September 1773, bapt. 17 October 1773.
iv. **Joseph**, born 15 September 1776, bapt. 17 November 1776,
v. **Samuel**, born 30 June 1779, bapt. 15 August 1779.

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415. **Joseph Thacher**[5-6] (*Joseph*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Ruth Hawes*[5], *Ebenezer*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth 19 May 1744,[1] the son of Joseph and Ruth (Hawes) Thacher. Joseph died at King's Ferry, New York, 16 October 1778, during the Revolutionary War.[2]

Joseph Thacher married in Yarmouth 31 October 1765 (intentions 6 October 1765) **Susannah Whelden,**[3] who was born in Yarmouth 1 May 1742,[4] the daughter of John Whelden and his first wife, Susannah Hallet.

Susannah probably died in Yarmouth some time after 8 June 1783, the date her illegitimate son was baptized there.[5]

Susannah was mentioned in the will of her grandfather, Ebenezer Hallet, dated 10 May 1760, in which she was called "Susannah Wheelden." She shared in the distribution which was made 28 December 1766 [date difficult to read], in which Susannah's father, John Wheelding of Yarmouth, yeoman, signed a receipt on behalf of his minor son, Jonathan; Joseph Thacher, Jr., of Yarmouth, signed on behalf of his wife, Susannah; William Clerk of Harwich signed on behalf of his wife, Temperance; and Rebecca Wheelden, Mercy Wheelden and John Wheelden, Jr., being of legal age, signed for themselves, "all being grandchildren of Mr. Ebenezer Hallet, late of Yarmouth, yeoman, dec'd."[6]

Joseph was mentioned with his sisters in the will of their father, Col. Joseph Thacher, dated 4 November 1762, and in the division of the estate of their mother, Ruth Thacher, dated 8 October 1772. Joseph, called "only son of Mrs. Ruth Thacher, late of Yarmouth, widow, dec'd," was given all of her land in Yarmouth which she held by the will of her late husband, Joseph Thacher, Esq., dec'd. Joseph was to pay to his sister, Desire Rawson, "wife of Grindell Rawson" £74-17-6, and a similar amount to his sister, Ruth Whelden, "other daughter and wife of Seth Wheelding, Jr."[7]

Joseph Thacher enlisted from Yarmouth in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, in Col. Nathaniel Freeman's 1st Barnstable County Regiment, serving from 10 June 1777 to 16 October 1778. He reported sick at King's Ferry where he died.[8]

Widow Susannah Thacher had a son, Jonathan Rawson, who was born in Yarmouth 25 September 1782, and baptized 8 June 1783 in the West Yarmouth Church,[9] whom she claimed was fathered by Jonathan Rawson, apparently her deceased husband's nephew, the young son of the Rev. Grindal and Desire (Thacher) Rawson. However, the court did not require Jonathan Rawson to maintain the child, perhaps because Jonathan was seventeen years younger than Susannah. The son, Jonathan Rawson Thacher, died unmarried on the east coast of Guinea [Guiana].[10]

No probate records have been found for Joseph Thacher in Barnstable County.

Children (**Thacher**), born in Yarmouth, Mass., all baptized in the West Yarmouth Church:[11]

i. **Mary/Molly/Polly**$^{6\text{-}7}$, born 28 October 1766, bapt. 22 February 1767.

ii. **Joseph**, born 8 February 1769, bapt. 12 February 1769, died unmarried, 30 August 1790, in his 22nd yr.; on gravestone with brother Ebenezer.

iii. **Ruth Hawes**, born 3 August 1771, baptized as **Susannah Haws**, 15 September 1771.
iv. **Ebenezer**, born and bapt. 23 January 1774, drowned in Saco, Maine, 22 August 1786, in his 13th yr.; on stone with brother Joseph.
v. **Susannah**, born 19 June 1776, bapt. 7 July 1776.

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416. **Benjamin Thacher**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 11 February 1737/8 and baptized 12 February 1738,[1] the son of Benjamin and Hannah (Lumbart) Thacher. He died in Harwich, Mass., before 3 October 1775, the date his wife was appointed administratrix of his estate.[2]

Benjamin Thacher, "Junr.," married in Harwich 13 January 1757 (intentions 9 April 1756) **Desire Freeman**,[3] who was born in Harwich 3 October 1736,[4] the daughter of Lemuel and Desire (Sears) Freeman and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Elder William Brewster. Desire died after 1788, the date her father, Lemuel Freeman made his will in which he called her "Desire Stone."[5] Desire's second husband may have been the Nathaniel Stone, "Jr.," who was born in Harwich 7 November 1742, the son of Heman Stone and his wife, Temperance Sturgis[5] (*Edward*[4], *Temperance Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #161:ix, page 238.] That Nathaniel, called Jr., was living in 1779 when his father's will was probated, in which Nathaniel and his mother were named joint executors.[6] Desire's second husband was *not* Nathaniel Stone, Jr., husband of Mercy

Bourne, as stated by Totten in his "Thacher/Thatcher Genealogy," for Mercy outlived her husband by many years.[7] [See #287, pages 379-81.]

Benjamin Thacher was received into full communion with the First Parish Church, 31 August 1766. His wife, Desire, owned the covenant 29 March 1767.[8] He was a mariner and was mentioned by his father, also named Benjamin Thacher, in his will, dated 9 August 1768.[9]

Benjamin Thacher of Harwich, mariner, died intestate. Letters of administration were issued to his widow, Desire. Deacon Edmund Freeman, Capt. Isaac Foster and Joseph Snow, all of Harwich, were empowered to take the inventory. On 3 October 1775 Desire Thacher, administratrix, filed a "true and perfect" inventory valued at £16-10-6, and stated that there wasn't a single claim against the estate. On 1 July 1776 Isaac Foster made oath that he had seen the inventory signed. On 13 August 1776, Joshua Bangs, a creditor of the estate, signed a complaint that he suspected that Lemuel Freeman, Jr., Judah Berry and Seth Freeman, all yeoman of Harwich, had embezzled, concealed or conveyed away part of Benjamin Thacher's estate, and asked for an inquisition into the matter "that your complainant may not be defrauded of his demands upon said estate which is rendered insolvent."[10] Lemuel and Seth Freeman were Desire's brothers, and Judah Berry was her brother-in-law.

Children (**Thacher**), born in Harwich, Mass., baptized in the First Parish Church:[11]

i. **Desire**[6], born 10 April 1758, baptized 29 March 1767, died 15 September 1769, aged 11 yrs. 5 mos. 5 days.
ii. **Benjamin**, bapt. 21 August 1768.

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417. **Sarah Thacher**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Harwich, Mass., 1 December 1741, and baptized 6 December 1741,[1] the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Lumbart) Thacher. She died in Harwich, 2 October 1777, aged 35 years 10 months, and was buried in what became the Unitarian Church Cemetery, Brewster.[2]

Sarah Thacher married in Harwich 15 March 1764 (intentions 5 February 1764) **Isaac Foster, Jr.**,[3] who was born in Harwich 29 May 1739,[4] the

son of Isaac and Hannah (Sears) Foster, a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Stephen Hopkins. Isaac Foster died in Harwich 24 or 29 February 1824, aged 85 years,[5] leaving an unnamed second wife as his widow. She has not been positively identified because there were several men of that name who lived and married in Harwich during those years. Isaac Foster was a brother of Samuel Foster who married Sarah's younger sister, Lydia Thacher.

Totten, in his *Thacher-Thatcher Genealogy*, (*NYGBR* 43:337) is in error in stating that young Capt. Isaac Foster married three times in less than two years: first to Eunice Freeman on 10 June 1762, second to Almira (?), no date given, and third to Sarah Thacher, as stated above. It was his father, Isaac Foster, [Sr.], who married Eunice Freeman as his second wife, 10 June 1762. Eunice (Freeman) Foster was still living in 1772 while Sarah Thacher and the younger Capt. Isaac Foster, Jr., were raising their own family of children. Proof is found in the will of Eunice (Freeman) Foster's father, John Freeman of Eastham, dated 13 January 1772, and probated 21 July 1772, in which John Freeman mentioned his daughter, "Eunice Foster, wife of Isaac Foster."[6]

Isaac Foster's father, Isaac Foster [Sr.] of Harwich, Gentleman, died in Harwich, 10 September 1777, aged 60 years, intestate.[7] In the division of his estate, dated 13 January 1778, one-third was set off to the widow Eunice, and two-thirds to the children, who were named as Isaac Foster, David Foster, Seth Foster, Nathaniel Foster, Thomas Foster, Elisha Foster, the heirs of Samuel Foster, and Hannah Gill, wife of John Gill of Boston. The last receipt was signed and accepted 19 November 1782.[8]

Isaac's stepmother, Eunice (Freeman) Foster, later married a Crosby for, on 26 May 1800, Isaac's sister, Hannah, and her husband, John Gill of Princeton, Worcester County, Mass., quitclaimed "all right and title to the estate of Eunice Crosby who was Eunice Foster, widow, late of Harwich, more especially our right to any claim on her right of Dower from the estate of Isaac Foster, late of said Harwich, dec." This deed was witnessed by Isaac Foster, [Sarah Thacher's husband], Elizabeth Gill, John Gill and Hannah Gill [Isaac Foster's sister].[9]

Isaac Foster, [Jr.], was a mariner. He was on the Committee from Brewster which voted against the War with Great Britain on 2 July 1812.[10]

In his will probated in Barnstable, 13 March 1824, Isaac Foster of Harwich named his two sons, Isaac and Benjamin, as co-executors. His probate records were in Volume 44 which was burnt in the fire that destroyed the Barnstable County Courthouse in 1827 but File #27 contains some papers for this estate. Isaac's widow, not named, received her dower of one-third of the estate, and $70 was paid to the estate of Isaac's deceased son, Samuel. The final accounting was made by the surviving sons, Isaac and Benjamin Foster, 31 March 1829.[11]

Children (**Foster**), born and baptized in Harwich, Mass.:[12]

i. **Lemuel**[6], born 16 August 1765, bapt. 22 September 1765, called "son of Isaac Foster, Jr., and Sarah, his wife."
ii. **Hannah**, born 3 August 1767, bapt. 9 August 1767.
iii. **Eunice**, bapt. 20 August 1769, died in November 1769.
iv. **Isaac**, born 23 October 1770, bapt. 4 November 1770.
v. **Benjamin**, born 27 September 1772, bapt. 4 October 1772.
vi. **Samuel Thacher**, born 6 February 1775, bapt. 19 February 1775.
vii. **Sarah**, born 26 May 1777, bapt. 8 June 1777.

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418. **Lydia Thacher**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Harwich, Mass., 10 September 1744, baptized 16 September 1744,[1] the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Lumbart) Thacher. Lydia died in Dorchester, Mass., 5 September 1825, at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth Foster.[2]

"Mrs." Lydia Thacher married in Harwich 4 December 1766 (intentions 27 September 1766) **Samuel Foster**,[3] who was born in Harwich 31 May 1741,[4] the son of Isaac and Hannah (Sears) Foster and a brother of her sister Sarah's husband, Isaac Foster. Samuel died at sea before 15 August 1773.[5]

Lydia's husband, Samuel Foster, was a ship's captain.[6] Widow Lydia Foster owned the covenant at the First Parish Church in Harwich, 15 August 1773.[7] This church is now in Brewster.

Samuel Foster of Harwich died intestate. On 2 February 1774, the inventory of his estate was taken by Edmund Freeman, Isaac Foster, Jr., and Joseph Snow. It was presented to the court by his father, Isaac Foster, administrator, 11 April 1774. Samuel's estate included one-eighth part of a schooner valued at £53-6-8 and real estate amounting to £232-13-4. Final settlement was made 15 August 1776.[8] On 11 April 1776 widow Lydia Foster was made guardian of her daughters, Lydia, Elizabeth and Desire Foster, minor daughters of Samuel Foster, deceased.[9] On 7 April 1794, Lydia Foster, widow, then living in Randolph, Mass., in Norfolk County, sold for £5-14-6 to Scotto Berry, tanner, and Seth Winslow, seafaringman, both of Harwich, 6 2/3 acres of woodland situated in

Harwich. This was witnessed by Solomon Freeman and Hannah Thacher.[10]

Lydia and Samuel's daughter, Elizabeth Foster, married her double-first cousin, Lemuel Foster, son of Isaac and Sarah (Thacher) Foster.[11]

Children (**Foster**), born and baptized in Harwich, Mass.:[12]

i. **Lydia**[6], bapt. 15 August 1773.
ii. **Elizabeth**, born in September 1772, bapt. 15 August 1773.
iii. **Desire Thacher**, bapt. 15 August 1773.

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419. **Jane/Jenne Thacher**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Harwich, Mass., 30 July 1747 and baptized 2 August 1747,[1] the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Lumbart) Thacher. Jane died in Dorchester, Mass., 25 December 1833, aged 86 years, at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth, who married Isaac Clapp of Dorchester.[2]

Jane Thacher married in Harwich 19 February 1776 (intentions 20 January 1776) **Shubael Cook**,[3] called "both of Harwich." Shubael was perhaps the one born in Eastham, Mass., 23 January 1743/4,[4] the son of Nathaniel and Mercy (Remick) Cook and a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Stephen Hopkins. Shubael died, probably in Harwich, before 1 April 1795.[5]

Jane Thacher and her sister, Temperance, were received into full communion with the First Parish Church of Harwich 15 August 1773, on the same day that their sister, Lydia Foster, had her children baptized there.[6]

Jane's husband, Shubael Cook, served on board the armed brig *Active* in 1780, during the Revolution, under Commander Allen Hallett. The *Active* carried sixteen guns and one hundred men. It was part of Commander Saltonstall's squadron which was sent to Penobscot Bay.[7]

Shubael Cook, late of Harwich, Esq., died intestate before 1 April 1795, when Kimbal Clarke, Nathan Winslow and Simeon Kingman were appointed to take the inventory which amounted to £8-9-3. On 17 April 1795, Nathaniel Freeman was appointed administrator of Shubael's estate. Almost a year later, 30 March 1796, the inventory amounted to £57-15-2 and Shubael's widow was allowed £24-6-0 for expenses. At a court held in Yarmouth, 9 August 1796, Nathaniel Freeman exhibited a final accounting of the estate, both real and personal, which totaled £59-5-8.[8]

Children (**Cook**), all baptized in the First Parish Church in Brewster, Mass., formerly the First Parish of Harwich:[9]

i. **Jane**[6], bapt. 25 May 1777, died 24 September 1777, aged 4 months.
ii. **Shubael**, bapt. 18 October 1778; died young.
iii. **Shubael**, born 1 August 1780, bapt. 6 August 1780.
iv. **Elizabeth**, born 27 August 1784, bapt. 29 August 1784.
v. **Jonathan Thacher**, bapt. 28 October 1787.

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420. **Samuel Thacher**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Harwich, Mass., 17 January 1752 and baptized 26 January 1752,[1] the son of Benjamin and Hannah (Lumbart) Thacher. Samuel died at sea 23 December 1793, aged 42 years, and was buried in the Old Burial Ground, Brewster.[2]

Samuel Thacher married in Harwich 9 July 1780 (intentions 13 September 1779) **Lucy Fessenden**,[3] who was born in Harwich 21 May 1757,[4] the daughter of Dr. William and Mehitable (Freeman) Fessenden. Lucy died in Harwich 25 August 1834.[5]

Samuel shared in the estate of his father, Benjamin Thacher of Harwich, dated 16 April 1767, proved 9 August 1768.[6] Lucy's father, William Fessenden of Brewster, in his will dated 16 June 1815, mentioned her as his daughter, Lucy Foster.[7]

Samuel Thacher was a mariner and sea captain.[8] His widow, Lucy, was appointed administratrix of her husband's intestate estate 10 March 1794.[9] She survived him for many years. On 12 December 1815, widow Lucy Thacher was listed as one of the creditors of the estate of her deceased brother, Dr. William Fessenden of Brewster, called "the younger." She was allowed £15.[10]

Samuel and Lucy's daughter, Sarah Thacher, married her cousin, Isaac Foster, son of Samuel's sister Sarah, and her husband Isaac Foster.[11]

Child (**Thacher**), born in Harwich, Mass.:[12]

i. **Sarah**[6], born 23 April 1781.

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421. **Temperance Thacher**[5] (*Benjamin*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Harwich, Mass., 27 July 1754 and baptized 28 July 1754,[1] the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Lumbart) Thacher. She died after 1839.[2]

Temperance Thacher "of Harwich" married, in her 40th year, 28 December 1793 (intentions 7 December 1793) **William Ward** "of New London, Conn.,"[3] whose parentage has not been discovered.

Nothing further has been found for William and Temperance Ward. *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* (43:339) states that Allen's *Thacher Genealogy* and George Thacher's manuscript on the Thacher family report that there were no children.

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422. **Elizabeth Thacher**[5-6-6] (*Thomas*[4], *Lydia Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Thankful Baxter*[5], *Shubael*[4], *Temperance [Gorham*[3]*] Sturgis, Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) (*Thankful Baxter*[5], *Elizabeth [Gorham*[4]*] Downs, Jabez Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 28 March 1741/2,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Thankful (Baxter) Thacher. Elizabeth died in Falmouth, Mass., 23 December 1768, in her 27th yr., and was buried there in the Old Burying Ground.[2]

Elizabeth Thacher married, as his first wife, in Barnstable 26 May 1763 (intentions Falmouth 26 February 1763, Barnstable 7 May 1763) **Thomas Palmer**,[3] who was born in Falmouth 12 February 1737/8,[4] the son of the Rev. Samuel Palmer and his first wife, Mercy Parker. Thomas Palmer married second, in Yarmouth 21 November 1771 (intentions 2 November 1771), Elizabeth's cousin, Sarah (Thacher) Hawes,[5] widow of Prince Hawes, Jr., and daughter of Judah and Sarah (Crosby) Thacher. Sarah was also a descendant of John Howland. By his second wife Thomas Palmer had one son, Job, who was born in Falmouth, 11 August 1772.[6] [See #402, pages 523-25.] Thomas Palmer married third in Falmouth (intentions) 26 March 1774 Abigail Perry of Sandwich,[7] who survived him. Thomas died in Falmouth 25 April 1775.[8]

Thomas Palmer's father, the Rev. Samuel Palmer of Falmouth, "clerk," [meaning minister], in his will dated 8 April 1775, probated 11 July 1775, named his wife, Sarah, and all of his seven children, among them his sons, Thomas and Joseph Palmer.[9]

Thomas, called "Mr. Thomas Palmer, late of Falmouth," died intestate. His brother, Joseph Palmer, "Jr.," was appointed administrator of his estate, 5 May 1775. The inventory, which included his "second wives apparel," was taken 15 May 1775 by Timothy Crocker, David Allen and Job Parker and was appraised at £29-9-8. On 28 September 1775 widow Abigail Palmer's "thirds" were set off to her by David Butler, Stephen Bowerman and Nathaniel Nickerson, all of Falmouth. Abigail was also given the use of the house for her lifetime. The account of Thomas Palmer's estate was filed by his brother, Joseph Palmer, Jr., administrator, and was recorded at Falmouth in March 1776, and at Barnstable 11 September 1776. It amounted to £94-11-11. Cash paid out totaled £103-10-2. The final account dated 10 June 1785, came to £25-10-6.[10]

On 25 June 1775, Abigail Palmer, Thomas Palmer's third wife, was named guardian of Job Palmer, Thomas's minor son by his second wife, Sarah. On 21 and 23 July 1776, Thomas's mother-in-law, Thankful (Baxter) (Thacher) (Lumbert) Hinckley, formerly of Barnstable, now called "of Falmouth," mother of Thomas Palmer's first wife, Elizabeth, was named guardian of her grandchildren, Thomas's children by Elizabeth, named Marthy and Thomas Palmer. In yet another change, on 10 September 1776, Thomas's brother, Joseph Palmer, Jr., gentleman, was appointed guardian of Thomas's three children, Martha and Thomas Palmer, (Elizabeth's children), and of Job Palmer, (Sarah's son).[11]

Children (**Palmer**), born in Falmouth, Mass.:[12]

i. **Matty/Martha/Marthy**$^{6\text{-}7\text{-}7}$, born 20 October 1766, bapt. 7 September 1766 (*sic*).

ii. **Thomas**, born 20 August 1767, bapt. 23 August 1767.

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423. **Thankful Thacher**$^{5\text{-}6\text{-}6}$ (*Thomas*^{4}, *Lydia Gorham*^{3}, *Desire*^{2} *Howland, John*^{1}) (*Thankful Baxter*^{5}, *Shubael*^{4}, *Temperance [Gorham*^{3}*] Sturgis, Desire*^{2} *Howland, John*^{1}) (*Thankful Baxter*^{5}, *Elizabeth [Gorham*^{4}*] Downs, Jabez Gorham*^{3}, *Desire*^{2} *Howland, John*^{1}) was born in Yarmouth, Mass., 8 November 1744,[1] the daughter of Thomas and Thankful (Baxter) Thacher. Thankful died sometime after the baptism of her second child, 28 June 1772.[2]

Thankful Thacher "of Barnstable" married in Falmouth, Mass., 30 December 1765 (intentions Barnstable 7 December 1765) **Zaccheus Allen** "of Falmouth,"[3] whose birth date, death date and parentage have not been determined.

At the time of her marriage, Thankful Thacher, although born in Yarmouth, was apparently living in Barnstable with her mother, Thankful (Baxter) (Thacher) (Lumbert/Lombard) Hinckley, whose third husband, Deacon John Hinckley, Jr., had died in Barnstable in April 1765.[4] By 1775 Thankful's mother was called "of Falmouth" when she was named guardian of the children of Thankful's deceased sister, Elizabeth (Thacher) Palmer.[5] Thankful may have met her husband, Zaccheus Allen "of Falmouth," through her sister Elizabeth's step-mother-in-law, Sarah (Mayhew) Allen, who, as a widow from Nantucket, married Thomas Palmer's father, the Rev. Samuel Palmer.[6]

There are no probate records in Barnstable County for either Zaccheus or Thankful Allen.

Children (**Allen**), born in Falmouth, Mass.:[7]

i. **Thacher**[6-7-7], born 21 March 1770, bapt. 16 January 1771.

ii. **Susannah**, bapt. 28 June 1772.

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William and Esther (Leaming) Eldredge of Cape May, New Jersey

John[1] Howland
1592~1672/3

Plymouth
m. 1623

Elizabeth Tilley
1607~1687

John Gorham
1620/1~1675/6

Plymouth
m. 1643

Desire[2] Howland
1625~1683

Joseph Whilldin
1660~1727

Yarmouth
m. 1682

Hannah Gorham[3]
1663~1728

Thomas Leaming
1674~1723

Cape May, N.J.
m. 1701

Hannah Whilldin[4]
1683~1728

William Eldredge
1696/7~1768

Cape May, N.J.
m. 1720

Esther Leaming[5]
1702~1773

Children (Eldredge), born in Cape May, N.J.~

i. Daniel,[6] b. 1721

ii. Elizabeth, b. 1723

iii. Thomas, b. 1725

iv. William, b. 1727

v. Elihu, b. 1731

vi. Esther, b. 1733/4

vii. Jehu/John, b. 1736

viii. Eli, b. 1739

ix. Hannah, b. 1746

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24. The Grandchildren of Hannah Gorham[3]

[This section concerning the descendants of Hannah Gorham[3] was published by Elizabeth P. White and Winfield S. Weer in *The Cape May County, New Jersey, Magazine of History and Genealogy* (1987) 9:1:44-67.]

424. **Esther Leaming**[5] (*Hannah Whilldin*[4], *Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Cape May, N.J., 3 July 1702, the daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Whilldin) Leaming.[1] She died in Cape May 8 May 1773.[2]

Esther Leaming married in Cape May about 1720 **William Eldredge,**[3] who was born in Cape May 18th 2d month 1696/7 [old style], the son of Ezekiel and Sarah (Hand) Eldredge and a brother of Samuel Eldredge who married Esther's sister, Mercy.[4] William died in Cape May 7 November 1768.[5]

William Eldredge, in his will dated 17 June 1765, proved 16 January 1768, gave the use of his house and one third of his lands to his wife, Esther. This property was to go to his sons, Jehu ["John" in *New Jersey Archives*] and Eli, after her death. He also made bequests to his daughters, Esther Garison and Hannah Morris, to his grandsons Elihu, Daniel and Thomas Eldredge, and to his granddaughter, Mary Eldredge. Sons Jehu and Eli were named as executors of their father's estate. Witnesses were Daniel Hildreth, Joshua Hildreth, Jr., and Mary Peterson. The inventory amounted to £110-12-1½ and was taken by Zebulon Swain and Philip Godfrey.[6]

Children (**Eldredge**), born in Cape May, N.J., all mentioned in their father's will:[7]

i. **Daniel**[6], born 8 or 9 September 1721.
ii. **Elizabeth**, born 20 August 1723.
iii. **Thomas**, born 21 September 1725.
iv. **William**, born 4 April 1727.
v. **Elihu**, born 21 September 1731.
vi. **Esther**, born 25 February 1733/4 (old style).
vii. **Jehu/John**, born 14 November 1736.
viii. **Eli**, born 8 February 1739 (old style).
ix. **Hannah**, born 3 July 1746.

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425. **Mercy Leaming**[5] (*Hannah Whilldin*[4], *Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Cape May, N.J., 10 September 1704, the daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Whilldin) Leaming.[1] Mercy died in Cape May 26 July 1769,[2] the widow of Thomas Ross, her second husband.

Mercy Leaming married first, in Cape May about 1728 **Samuel Eldredge**,[3] who was born about 1700, the son of Ezekiel and Sarah (Hand) Eldredge and a brother of William Eldredge who married Mercy's sister, Esther.[4] Samuel Eldredge died in Cape May before 22 May 1745, the date his will was proved.[5] Mercy married second, after the end of 1745, as his second wife, **Thomas Ross.**[6] Thomas Ross died in the Lower Precinct, Cape May County, New Jersey, in August or September 1751.[7]

In his will dated 23 September 1742 (*sic*), proved 22 May 1745, Samuel Eldredge, Esq., of Cape May County, yeoman, mentioned his wife, Mercy, and his eldest son, Samuel, who was given the "plantation I live on, lately exchanged with Mr. John Stillwell," in addition to other land and "my negro man York, he to pay to my youngest daughter, Sarah Eldredge, £16 when she will be 17." Sons Aaron and Jacob Eldredge were also given plantations, with the provision that "All my sons [are] to enjoy the lands when they come to seventeen years of age." He added, "If my wife shall be delivered of a son, he shall have a plantation at Piles Grove in Salem . . . if a girl, . . . plantation shall be sold and the money divided among all my daughters." His wife, Mercy, was to have one-third of the moveable estate, and the use of "half of the plantation I now live on . . . during her widowhood, for the bringing up of the children to the age of 21." Only one daughter was named. Executors were his wife, Mercy, and his son, Samuel. Witnesses were Abiah Ross, Jacob Spicer and William Ross. The inventory, amounting to £141-10-8, was taken by John Eldredge and Elisha Hand, 12 March 1744/5, before letters of administration were granted to Samuel Eldredge, 11 June 1745.[8]

Samuel Eldredge, "eldest son," was rather young, at about the age of fifteen, to act as executor, but it is important to note that his father decreed that all of his sons should inherit their plantations at the young age of seventeen, when the more usual age was twenty-one. Another provision of the will gave the widow, Mercy, the use of "half of the plantation

I now live on," which was the same land given to the eldest son, Samuel, and may have caused friction between Samuel and his mother.

Mercy's second husband, Thomas Ross, called himself "an unworthy member of the Church of Scotland," in his will, dated 8 August 1751, proved 1 October 1751, in which he mentioned his wife, "Masey," (who signed her name as "Marcy"), and his children by an earlier wife, named as William, Christopher, Hannah, Lydia and Thomas Ross, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland, Witnesses were William Bowness, James Hedges and Peter Toullard. The inventory, taken by Elisha Hand and Elijah Hughes, amounted to £225-17-2, including his books.[9]

Mercy was an innkeeper in Cold Spring from 1752 to 1759. In 1768 she was taxed on 120 acres, 16 cattle and horses, 22 sheep and one servant.[10] In her will dated 15 November 1768, proved 26 July 1769, "Marcy" Ross of Lower Precinct, Cape May County, widow, gave her daughter, Priscilla Reyney, the house and land where she lived, Priscilla paying £26 to the youngest son, Jeremiah Eldredge. Daughters Priscilla Reyney and Sarah Ewings were given their mother's wearing apparel. The residue of the estate was given to the youngest son, Jeremiah Eldredge, but if he died before the age of 21, his share was to go to the other children named as Aaron Eldredge, Jacob Eldredge, Priscilla Reyney and Sarah Ewings. The executors were Christopher Foster, Francis Taylor and Abishai Stiles (*sic*, probably *Stites)*. The inventory, taken 25 July 1769 by Christopher Foster and Richard Stiles (*sic*), amounted to £273-0-4.[11] Eldest son Samuel Eldredge was not mentioned by his mother in her will, perhaps because Mercy felt that he had already received his fair share, having been given the home plantation and buildings by his father. Also note that the youngest son, Jeremiah, was to inherit all of the residue of his mother's estate if he lived to the age of 21 years. Only if he died would the other children mentioned share in their mother's estate. This reinforces the conclusion that Mercy was trying to equalize the inheritances of her children, and did not disown her eldest son. Leach has interpreted Samuel's absence from his mother's will to mean that Samuel was the son of his father by a previous wife. This is refuted by the fact that, when the youngest son, Jeremiah Eldredge died, leaving a wife but no children, he bequeathed property "to John Albertson, son of Experience, the daughter of brother Samuel [Eldredge]," just as he did to the children of his other brothers and sisters.[12] He did not call Samuel "half-brother" or "cousin," as would have been expected if Samuel had not been a full brother.

Children (**Eldredge**), born in Cape May, N.J., all by her first husband, Samuel Eldredge, all but last (posthumous) child, named in father's will, all but Samuel mentioned in mother's will:[13]

i. **Samuel**[6], born about 1730; named as "eldest son" in father's will; not named in mother's will, dated 1768, but called "brother" in brother Jeremiah's will, dated 1793.
ii. **Priscilla**, born about 1733.
iii. **Aaron**, born 2 February 1735.
iv. **Sarah**, born about 1736.
v. **Jacob**, born about 1740.
vi. **Jeremiah**, born 5 August 1745, posthumously, apparently the unborn child mentioned in father's will; made bequests to the children of all of his brothers and sisters in his will dated 12 April 1793, proved 1 May 1795.[14]

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426. **Jane Leaming**[5] (*Hannah Whilldin*[4], *Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Cape May, N.J., 15 October 1706, the daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Whilldin) Leaming.[1] She died after 23 September 1754, the day she witnessed the will of George Stites.[2]

Jane Leaming married in Cape May about 1726 **William Doubleday,**[3] who was born in Charlestown, Mass., 17 October 1699, and baptized 22 October 1699,[4] the son of Elisha and Mary (Woodhead) Doubleday. He died in Cohansey, Salem Co., N.J., 16 December 1740.[5]

William Doubleday settled in Salem, N.J., around 1722. He witnessed the will of his father-in-law, Thomas Leaming, 18 March 1722/3,.[6] Aaron Leaming, in his diary written 18 January 1757, mentioned the marriage of Jane Leaming, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Whilldin) Leaming, to William Doubleday.[7] On 23 September 1754, Jane Doubleday witnessed the will of George Stites of Cape May.[8]

William Doubleday, yeoman, of Cohansey, Salem County, N.J., died intestate. The accounting of his estate was filed in 1741.[9]

Possible child (**Doubleday**), perhaps born in Cohansey, N.J.:[10]

i. **?Lydia**[6], born in 1733.

Note: A Mary Doubleday witnessed wills of testators living in Fairfield, Cumberland County, N.J., formerly Salem County, in 1759 and 1760. A Mercy Doubleday married Archibald Mickle in Cape May, N.J., 12 February 1762. The Schellinger File, in the Edward Post Collection, deposited in the Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society lists a Joan Doubleday who married 4 July 1758 Daniel Schellinger and had issue. No connection has been proved between these people and Jane (Leaming) Doubleday, descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

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427. **Priscilla Leaming**[5] (*Hannah Whilldin*[4], *Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Cape May, N.J., 15 June 1710, the daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Whilldin) Leaming.[1] She died in Cape May 29 May 1758 and was buried in the Cold Spring Presbyterian Cemetery in there.[2]

Priscilla married first, in Cape May before 1740 **John Stites,**[3] who was born about 1701,[4] the son of Henry and Hannah (Garlick) Stites. John Stites died in Cape May 29 June 1743.[5]

Priscilla married second, in Cape May, after 1 August 1743 **Jacob Hughes,**[6] who was born in Cape May about 1711, the son of Constant and (——) (Matthews) Hughes.[7] He died in Cape May 28 September 1772.[8]

Priscilla's first husband, John Stites, was a cooper and farmer. In his will dated 29 June 1743, proved 1 August 1743, John Stites, yeoman, mentioned his wife, Priscilla, who was named sole executrix, and his cousin, Abisha Stites, minor son of Richard Stites of Cape May, deceased, for whose estate John Stites was executor. Witnesses were Joshua Stites, Elijah Hughes and Cornelius Schillinks.[9]

Priscilla's second husband, Jacob Hughes, died intestate. Administration of the estate was given to Jacob Hughes, Esq., 16 January 1773. Fellow-bondsman was Aaron Eldredge. Witnesses were Jeremiah Eldredge

and John Eldredge. The inventory, taken by Aaron Eldredge and Jeremiah Eldredge, totaled £1276-4-0 and was filed in 1773.[10]

Child (**Stites**), by her first husband, John Stites, born in Cape May, N.J.:[11]

i. **Margaret/Margit**[6], born in May 1740; mentioned in father's will.

Children (**Hughes**), by her second husband, Jacob Hughes, born in Cape May, N.J.:[12]

ii. **Jacob**, born 9 August 1746.

iii. **Hannah**, born 7 December 1756.

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428. **Christopher Leaming**[5] (*Hannah Whilldin*[4], *Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Cape May, N.J., 18 April 1712, the son of Thomas and Hannah (Whilldin) Leaming.[1] He died in Cape May 31 December 1751, aged 39 years, and was buried in the Leaming Burial Ground, Clermont, N.J.[2]

Christopher Leaming married in Cape May 4 December 1734 (published 5 November 1734) **Deborah Hand**,[3] who was born in Cape May 14 November 1716,[4] the daughter of Recompense and Esther Hand. Deborah married second, as his second wife, in Cape May 16 December 1752, Jacob Spicer, 2nd.[5] Jacob was the son of Jacob and Sarah (Hand) (Eldredge) Spicer and a half-brother of William and Samuel Eldredge, who were the husbands of Christopher Leaming's sisters, Esther and Mercy Leaming. Jacob Spicer's first wife had been Judith Hughes, by whom he had four children,[6] none of whom were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Deborah died in Cape May 27 February 1784.[7]

Christopher Leaming, a farmer, died intestate. His widow, Deborah, was appointed the administratrix of her husband's estate and gave her bond 7 February 1751. Fellow-bondsman was Recompense Hand. The inventory was taken 19 and 22 March 1751 by Joseph Ludlum and Jacob Spicer and amounted to £464-19-0. It included a silver spoon, a gold ring, silver buttons, buckles and clasps, three negro slaves, and Indian corn, wheat and salt.[8] On 15 October 1753, Christopher Leaming, Jr., only son and heir, petitioned the court to appoint Jacob Spicer as his guardian. Jacob Spicer gave his bond 2 February 1754, with Isaac De Cow, Jr., gentleman, as fellow-bondsman.[9]

Deborah (Hand) (Leaming) Spicer did not leave a will. She and her second husband had signed a pre-nuptial agreement because they each had large estates and each of them had children by their earlier spouses.[10]

Children (**Leaming**), born in Cape May, N.J.:[11]

i. **Hannah**[6], born 30 September 1735.
ii. **Esther**, born 16 September 1738, died 17 March 1749, in her 12th year.
iii. **Christopher**, Jr., born 2 October 1739.
iv. **Priscilla**, born 8 November 1742.

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429. **Thomas Leaming**[5] (*Hannah Whilldin*[4], *Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Cape May, N.J., 31 March 1718 (old style), the son of Thomas and Hannah (Whilldin) Leaming.[1] He died in Cape May 19 December 1795.[2]

Thomas Leaming married in Cape May 25 April 1740 his cousin, **Elizabeth Leaming**,[3] who was born in Cape May 14 September 1721, the daughter of Aaron and Lydia (Parsons) (Shaw) Leaming.[4] Elizabeth died in Cape May 26 January 1769.[5]

Elizabeth Leaming's married brother, Jeremiah Leaming, in his will dated 1 December 1769, proved 25 January 1774, left much of his extensive estate to Elizabeth and Thomas Leaming's two children, Thomas Leaming and Lydia Leaming, wife of Jeremiah Eldredge. But Jeremiah Leaming also made generous provision for the senior Thomas Leaming's sister Mercy's widowed daughter, Priscilla (Eldredge) Raney, who was Jeremiah Leaming's housekeeper, and whose youngest son, known as Enoch Raney, was thought to have been the son of Jeremiah Leaming. Enoch Raney was also mentioned in Jeremiah Leaming's will.[6] Priscilla (Eldredge) Raney was a sister of Elizabeth's daughter's husband, Jeremiah Eldredge, as well as being a niece of Elizabeth's husband, Thomas Leaming, making this a very tangled web.

Thomas Leaming, called "the Elder," in his will dated 14 July 1794, proved 31 December 1795, mentioned his daughter, Lydia, wife of Jeremiah Eldredge, who was bequeathed large tracts of land in Goshen, extending to the West Jersey Society's 95,000 acre tract; also 36 acres of cedar swamp he had inherited from Aaron Leaming, "all during her life, then to her issue," but if without issue, then it would go to son Thomas Leaming who was also given land in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Should son Thomas predecease his father, the land was to be divided among Thomas's children. In addition, grandson Thomas Leaming and granddaughters Elizabeth and Lydia, were given bank stock, as were Esther Williams, daughter of Abigail Williams, and Hannah Eldredge, wife of Aaron Eldredge. Son Thomas was given his father's law books and £300. The residue was divided equally between son Thomas and daughter Lydia who were named as executors. Witnesses were Thomas Yates, Sarah Irwin, Edward Irwin and Jesse Hand. The inventory, which amounted to £4164-0-11½, was taken 27 July 1796 by Philip Godfrey and Nathaniel Holmes.[7]

Children (**Leaming**), born in Cape May, N.J., both mentioned in father's will:[8]

i. **Thomas**[6], born 20 August 1748 (old style).
ii. **Lydia**, born 22 August 1751, married her cousin, **Jeremiah Eldredge**[6]; no children.

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430. **James Whilldin**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Cape May, N.J., about 1714, the son of Joseph and Mary (Wilmon) Whilldin.[1] He died in Cape May 5 November 1780, aged 66 years, and was buried in the Cold Spring Cemetery.[2]

James Whilldin married first, in Cape May about 1736 **Jane Hand,**[3] who was born in Cape May about 1719, the daughter of John and Mercy (Crowell) Hand.[4] Jane died in Cape May 8 November 1760.[5]

James Whilldin married second, in Cape May 20 July 1761 **Jane Izard.**[6] Jane died before 13 January 1766.[7]

James Whilldin married third, in Cape May 13 January 1766 **Susannah (——) Hand,**[8] the widow of his first wife's brother, Isaiah Hand. Susannah

died after 5 November 1780,[9] the date she was mentioned in her husband's will.

James Whilldin owned a plantation and was a farmer. He served as Justice of the Peace 7 June 1753, 24 September 1762 and 21 August 1767 and was Justice of the Court of Oyer and Terminer from 13 March 1773 until his death. He served as a member of the Assembly in 1779-80.[10]

In his will dated 11 October 1780, proved 21 November 1780, James Whilldin of Cape May County mentioned his third wife, Susannah, who was to have one-third of the moveable estate while she lived. Son Jonathan was given one-third of the land during his life only, and then it was to go to his surviving child. Son James was given all of the remaining land and was to pay £40 to grandson Seth Whilldin and support him to the age of 18 years. He also provided for "the son of my daughter Jane, commonly known as Humphrey Hughes, till he is 14." Son Matthew was given £1. Daughters Mary Hughes, Jane Edmonds, Loes Yates and Rachel Whilldin were to divide his personal estate. "Son-in-law" [step-son] Thomas Hand was to be paid £20 for a debt owed to him. His wife, Susannah, and sons, Matthew and James, were named as executors. Witnesses were James Watt, Elias Taylor and Robert Harris. The inventory, taken by the appraisers, Jeremiah Eldredge and Henry Hand, amounted to £35,922-14-0.[11]

It was this James Whilldin's son, James Whilldin[6], who married Rhoda Mulford and filed the deed which proved that he had inherited the land that was originally owned by his great-grandfather, Joseph Whilldin who married Hannah Gorham[3] (*Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*). It read as follows: "15 August 1789, James and Rhoda Whilldin of Cape May County, New Jersey, yeoman, deed to Abner Corson, Sr., of the same place, part of land purchased by Joseph Whilldin the Elder, from Jeremiah Bass, agent for the West Jersey Society, 2 April 1695, and conveyed by him to his son, Joseph Whilldin, by two deeds, one in 1711 and the other 24 October 1718, which the last named Joseph Whilldin, by his will dated 16 March 1747/8 devised to his son, James Whilldin (registered in the Prerogative Court at Burlington, Liber No. 5), which James Whilldin, by his will dated October 1780, devised to his son, James, first mentioned."[12] Thus each generation from the first Joseph Whilldin is satisfactorily documented.

Children (**Whilldin**), all by his first wife, Jane Hand, born in Cape May, N.J., all mentioned in father's will:[13]

i. **James**[6], born 20 August 1742; executor of father's estate.
ii. **Seth**, also named in the will of his uncle, David Whilldin, dated 13 February 1763, in which he was called "second son" of James; died intestate before 7 April 1777.[14]

iii. **Matthew**, born about 1749; named as executor of father's will; also named in the will of his uncle, David Whilldin.
iv. **Jonathan**, born about 1755.
v. **Jane**, born 15 June 1756.
vi. **Mary**, named in father's will.
vii. **Loes**, named in father's will.
viii. **Rachel**, named in father's will.

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431. **Hannah Whilldin**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Cape May, N.J., about 1719, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wilmon) Whilldin.[1] She died in Cape May after 17 March 1762,[2] the date she was mentioned as Hannah Eldredge by her brother, David Whilldin, in his will.

Hannah Whilldin married first, in Cape May in 1737 **Ellis Hughes**,[3] who was born in Cape May in 1708,[4] the son of Constant and (——) (Matthews) Hughes. Ellis Hughes died in Cape May before 4 February 1752,[5] the date his will was proved.

Hannah married second, before 13 February 1762, a man whose surname was *Eldredge*,[5] for on that date her brother, David Whilldin, called her "Hannah Eldredge" in his will.[6]

Hannah's son, Memukin Hughes, was mentioned in her father's will dated 16 March 1747. Her first husband, Ellis Hughes, signed a receipt for Hannah's legacy from her father, Joseph Whilldin.[7]

Hannah's first husband, Ellis Hughes, in his will dated 9 May 1751, proved 4 February 1752, mentioned his wife, Hannah, and his children, Memucan, Jesse, Ellis, Constant and David, the last three under age, and the "plantation whereon I dwell, Lower Precinct of Cape May, near a place called New England." The witnesses were Mary Ross, Elihu Hand Jacob Spicer and Nathan Eldredge. He named "the wife and Richard Crawford" as executors. The inventory amounted to £149-11-5 and was taken by John Eldredge and James Eldredge.[8] On 15 October 1759 Jesse Hughes, son of Ellis Hughes of Cape May, between 14 and 21 years of age, chose James Whilldin as his guardian.[9]

Children (**Hughes**), all by her first husband, Ellis Hughes, born in Cape May, N.J.:[10]

i. **Memucan**[6], born 12 April 1739; mentioned in grandfather's will.
ii. **Jesse**, born about 1743.
iii. **Ellis**, born 16 August 1745.
iv. **Constant**, born about 1747.
v. **David**, born 9 September 1749.

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432. **Mary Whilldin**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Cape May, N.J., about 1723, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wilmon) Whilldin.[1] She died in Cape May before 16 March 1747,[2] the date she was mentioned by her father, Joseph Whilldin, in his will.

Mary Whilldin married in Cape May about 1741 **Uriah Hughes**,[3] who was born in Cape May about 1709-1710,[4] the son of Humphrey and Mary (Brandriff) Hughes, 2nd. Uriah Hughes died after 19 May 1748,[5] the date he was mentioned when Mary's father's estate was settled.

Mary's father, Joseph Whilldin, in his will dated 16 March 1747, named Ellis and Judith Hughes, "children of daughter Mary, deceased," as well as Mary's husband, Uriah Hughes. In the settlement of her father's estate, dated 19 May 1748, there is an entry, "By moneys paid to Uriah Hughes 2 children — £5-0-0."[6] However, fourteen years later, Mary's brother, David Whilldin, in his will dated 13 February 1762, proved 14 May 1762, made bequests "to Ellis Hughes, Judith Hughes and Mary Hughes, the legal representatives of my sister, Mary Hughes, deceased."[7] It is difficult to see how Mary (Whilldin) Hughes could have had three children in 1762 when she had only two in 1747, the date she was called deceased in her father's will. This entry must have been an error on the part of the court clerk who should have written, "Ellis and Judith Hughes, the legal representatives of my sister, Mary Hughes, deceased."

Children (**Hughes**), born in Cape May, N.J., named in grandfather's will:[8]

i. **Ellis**[6], born before 16 March 1747.
ii. **Judith**, born before 16 March 1747.

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433. **Rachel Whilldin**[5] (*Joseph*[4], *Hannah Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Cape May, N.J., about 1727, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wilmon) Whilldin.[1] She died in Cape May before 6 June 1798,[2] the date her intestate estate was admitted for probate.

Rachel Whilldin married first, in Cape May about 1745 **Richard Crawford,**[3] who was born in Cape May 21 July 1717,[4] the son of Benjamin Crawford. Richard Crawford died in Cape May before 6 August 1751,[5] the date his will was proved.

Rachel married second, probably in Cape May, after July 1751 and before 13 February 1762, a man whose last name was **Mills**. Rachel was called "Rachel Mills" by her brother, David Whilldin, in his will dated 13 February 1762.[6]

Rachel's father, Joseph Whilldin, in his will dated 16 March 1747, proved 30 May 1748, mentioned Rachel and her children by her first husband, Wilmon and Issechar Crafford (*sic*). Her husband, Richard Crawford, was one of the executors of her father's estate and signed a receipt for her share of the estate, 19 February 1748.[7]

In his will dated 16 June 1751, proved 6 August 1751, Richard Crawford mentioned his wife, Rachel, and his sons, Issechar and Benjamin, who were under age. Executors were James Hedges, Loes Crowel and Peter Toullard. The inventory amounted to £206-18-9.[8]

Rachel (Whilldin) (Crawford) Mills died intestate. Her estate was admitted for probate 9 January 1798. Uriah Smith was named as the administrator, with Seth Hand and Jonathan Swain as fellow-bondsmen.[9]

Children (**Crawford**), all by her first husband, Richard Crawford, born in Cape May, N.J.:[10]

i. **Wilmon**[6], born before 16 March 1747; probably died before 1751; named in the will of his grandfather, Joseph Whilldin, but not mentioned in his father's probate records.

ii. **Issechar**, born before 16 March 1747; mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Joseph Whilldin; also named in father's will, 16 June 1751.

iii. **Benjamin**, born between 16 March 1747 and 16 June 1751; not named in grandfather Joseph Whilldin's will in 1747 but named in father's will in 1751.

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25. The Grandchildren of Shubael Gorham[3]

434. **Shubael Gorham**[5] (*George*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Greenwich, Conn., 11 April 1727,[1] the son of George and Hannah (Banks) Gorham. He died in Stamford, Conn., before 12 November 1771, the date his father, Capt. George Gorham, was named administrator of Shubael's estate.[2]

Shubael married in Stamford, Conn., (also recorded in Rye, New York,) 23 August 1748 **Mary Selleck** of Stamford,[3] who was born in Stamford 13 July 1727,[4] the daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (DeMille) Selleck. Mary married second, as his second wife, in Stamford 15 January 1775 Eliakim Whitney,[5] and moved to Ball Town, Albany County, N.Y., where she died 13 July 1827.[6] Eliakim Whitney was the father of Mary Whitney, who had married Mary Gorham's son, Nathaniel.

When the estate of Mary's father, Nathaniel Selleck, was distributed to his eight children, 28 September 1756, Mary was called "Mary Gorham, alias Selleck, wife of Shubal Gorum."[7]

On 24 November 1766, Shubael and Mary Gorham deeded land in Stamford to Samuel Seward of Stamford.[8] On 6 February 1767 Shubael and Mary deeded land to her brother, Abraham Selleck of Stamford, which was their share in the estate of another brother Anthony Selleck, deceased.[9]

Shubael Gorham of Stamford died intestate. On 5 November 1771, his wife, Mary Gorham, refused to act as administrator of the estate.[10] Her father-in-law, Capt. George Gorham, was appointed administrator 12 November 1771, and he and Anthony DeMille gave bond for £1000. Capt. Gorham died before the administration was completed and on 15 July 1772, the administration was granted to Shubael's brother, Daniel Gorham.[11] The inventory, taken by Gideon Weed and Samuel Seward, was accepted by the court 21 July 1772. On 24 November 1772, Hezekiah Weed and Tyler Dibble, commissioners, stated that Shubael Gorham's debts amounted to £33-14-10 in New York money, or £25-6-1½ in Lawful money [of Connecticut], which was accepted by Abraham Davenport, Judge of Probate and recorded on 2 December 1772. On 6 April 1773, David Gorham, administrator of Shubael's estate, exhibited his accounts, showing sales of assets of the estate amounting to £28-18-6 lawful money. Costs of administration, funeral expenses, country rates [taxes], and "necessarys allowed to the widow," amounted to £16-7-9½ lawful money,

with a balance remaining of £12-5-8½ to be divided to and among the creditors "at a rate of nine shillings and eight pence half penny on the pound." This was recorded 2 July 1773.[12]

Shubael's son, John Gorham, chose his uncle, Daniel Gorham, as his guardian 11 September 1777, indicating that John Gorham remained for a time in Stamford with his uncle Daniel when his mother, Mary, and step-father, Eliakim Whitney, moved to Albany County, New York.[13]

Capt. George Gorham, in his will dated 28 March 1772, proved 5 May 1772, gave Shubael's widow, Mary Gorham, the house and lot where she lived, until her death or remarriage, at which time their children, sons Shubael, Nathaniel, John, Samuel, Anthony and George, and daughters Mary, Hannah and Deborah, were to be given the property, with the sons to have double shares.[14] After their mother's second marriage, most of the children moved to Ball Town, Albany County, N.Y., with their mother and stepfather, but three of the sons sided with the British during the Revolutionary War. In 1783 sons Nathaniel, John and Samuel Gorham were among the Loyalists who went to New Brunswick.[15] Nathaniel founded the Kingston, Kings County, New Brunswick, branch of the Gorhams on the Saint John River and left many descendants. Son John served as an ensign in the Royal Fencible Americans during the Revolution, and settled in Parr Town, now Saint John, New Brunswick, in 1784, but left no apparent descendants. Samuel also went to Kingston Parish in 1783 where he died in 1854 at the venerable age of 96 years. He was a widower but he, too, seems to have died without issue.[16]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Stamford, Conn., some baptized in St. John's Church, all mentioned in their grandfather's will:[17]

i. **Mary**^{6}, born 14 December 1748, bapt. 11 January 1748/9.
ii. **Shubael**, born 26 October 1750, bapt. 26 September 1751.
iii. **Nathaniel**, bapt. 28 January 1753.
iv. **John**, chose uncle Daniel Gorham as his guardian.
v. **Samuel**, bapt. 7 August 1757.
vi. **Hannah**, bapt. 27 January 1760.
vii. **Deborah**, bapt. 11 March 1762.
viii. **Anthony**, bapt. 4 November 1764.
ix. **George**, mentioned in grandfather's will.

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435. **Hannah Gorham**[5] (*George*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Rye, New York, 19 February 1728/9,[1] the daughter of George and Hannah (Banks) Gorham. Hannah died after 17 August 1807, the date she was mentioned by her sister, Phebe Seward, in her will.[2]

Hannah Gorham married in Stamford, Conn., 14 December 1754 **Thomas Smith**,[3] who has not been identified. He died after 28 March 1772, when he was mentioned with Hannah in her father's will.[4]

Hannah's father, George Gorham, in his will dated 28 March 1772, proved 5 May 1772, named her as Hannah, wife of Thomas Smith, and gave her £10.[5] Hannah's sister, Phebe Seward, in her will dated 17 August 1807, probated 1 September 1807, called her "beloved sister Hannah Smith," and said that she could choose what she wanted from among her wearing apparel.[6] This would imply that she did not live very far away.

DAR records show that a Samuel Smith, certainly their son, born "in or near Danbury, Conn.," 2 August 1755 married Margaret Litcholt and lived in Warwick, Orange County, New York. They had the following children: Thomas Smith, born 21 January 1802, Mary Smith, born 15 May 1804, Gorham Smith, born 30 October 1806, Garrett Smith, born 26 August 1808, Abraham Smith, born 24 July 1811, Lewis Smith, born 28 November 1816, and Edward Smith, born 17 October 1818.[7]

Child (**Smith**), born in Stamford, Conn.:[8]

i. **Samuel**[6], born 2 August 1755.

Note: This Thomas Smith was not the son of Thomas and Hannah (Camp) Smith of Ridgefield. That Thomas married someone else in 1740 and had nine children, none of whom were named Samuel. See *TAG* 25:104, 110.

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436. **Puella Gorham**[5] (*George*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Rye, New York, 16 November 1730,[1] the daughter of George and

Hannah (Banks) Gorham. She died after 28 May 1772, the date her father made his will.[2]

Puella Gorham married probably in Stamford, Conn., in 1755 **Gershom Selleck**,[3] who was born in Stamford 10 July 1730,[4] the son of David and Mercy (Waterbury) Selleck. Gershom died after 5 May 1791, the last date on which he sold land in Stamford.[5]

Gershom Selleck was mentioned in the will of his father, David Selleck of Stratford, dated 25 April 1750, probated 12 June 1750.[6] In the distribution of his father's estate dated 15 March 1754, and recorded 23 March 1763, Gershom Selleck was given 12 acres and 60 rods of land "below the house," next to his brother Ebenezer's land, excepting two rods of land for his mother's use as a way to the house. He was also given a young mare and a right of one-eleventh part of what had been distributed to his mother. The division was made by Ephraim Bostwick, Abraham Davenport and Sandys Selleck. Gershom was also mentioned in the distribution of the estate of his mother, Mercy Selleck, dated 5 June and 28 June 1759.[7]

Puella's father, Capt. George Gorham, in his will dated 28 March 1772, named her as "Puella, wife of Gershom Selleck," and gave her £10.[8]

Gershom and Puella Selleck lived in Stamford from 1754 to 1757, according to deeds on file there. In 1757, 1765 and 1768, Gershom was called "of Salem, Westchester County, New York." He was still called "of Salem," in 1782, but returned to Stamford in 1784. On 5 May 1791 he appears to have disposed of all of his real estate in Stamford.[9]

Children (**Selleck**), probably born in Salem, N.Y., last two baptized in St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford, Conn.:[10]

i. **Frederick**[6], born about 1757.
ii. **Anna**, bapt. 15 April 1759.
iii. **Charlotte**, bapt. 29 May 1763.

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437. **Abigail Gorham**[5] (*George*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Rye, New York, 6 February 1731/2,[1] the daughter of George and Hannah (Banks) Gorham. She died in Noroton, Conn., 19 May 1796 and was buried in the Noroton River Cemetery.[2]

Abigail Gorham married in Stamford, Conn., 12 March 1751 **Josiah Scofield**, 3rd,[3] the son of Joshua and Ruth (Youngs) Scofield.[4] Josiah

died in Noroton 19 August 1790 and was buried in the Noroton River Cemetery.[5]

Abigail's father, George Gorham, in his will dated 28 March 1772, gave £10 to his daughter, Abigail, wife of Josiah Scofield.[6]

Josiah Scofield was always called "the 3rd." He was appointed as a surveyor of highways in Stamford 15 December 1757 and was made a freeman of Stamford in 1770.[7] Josiah's father, Joshua Scofield, deeded land to Josiah's son, Gershom Scofield of Stamford, which was recorded 27 April 1770.[8]

Josiah was a Loyalist during the Revolutionary War but remained in Stamford. On 28 August 1781 he was listed as "dangerous to the peace and independence of the United States of America."[9]

On 29 September 1789, recorded 7 November 1789, Josiah Scofield, 3rd, of Stamford, conveyed land at Scotch Cove and land near his homestead to his sons, Gershom, Jesse and Joshua.[10] In his will dated 22 January 1790, probated 4 April 1791, Josiah gave his beloved wife, Abigail, one-third of his estate, including the use of his dwelling house, with one acre of land adjoining, and a barn. He also gave her his wearing apparel and one third of his personal estate to be her own, absolutely, in lieu of her dower. All of the remaining personal estate was divided between his six daughters, Lydia, Sarah, Abigail, Phebe, Ruth, and Hannah. His son Jesse, was given the dwelling house, land and barn, subject to his wife, Abigail's use and improvement, on condition that, after his wife's death, Jesse would pay to each of Josiah's other two sons, Gershom and Joshua, or their heirs, one-third of the assessed valuation of the property. Sons Gershom and Joshua Scofield were named joint executors. Witnesses were William Bates, Wray Selleck and Gershom Morehouse. The estate was appraised by Josiah Hoyt and David Fancher 3 September 1790, and filed 27 April 1795.[11]

Children (**Scofield**), born in Stamford, Conn., last seven baptized in St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford:[12]

i. **Gershom**[6], born 23 June 1751.
ii. **Lydia**, born 1 February 1753.
iii. **Sarah**, born about 1755; listed as second daughter in father's will.
iv. **Ezra**, bapt. 2 July 1758 probably died young; not mentioned in father's will.
v. **Abigail**, bapt. 7 September 1760.
vi. **Phebe**, bapt. 9 February 1763.
vii. **Joshua**, bapt. 18 November 1764.
viii. **Ruth**, bapt. 27 February 1769 with sister Hannah.
ix. **Hannah**, bapt. 27 February 1769 with sister Ruth.
x. **Jesse**, bapt. 2 June 1771.

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438. **Phebe Gorham**[5] (*George*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Rye, New York, 26 May 1735,[1] the daughter of George and Hannah (Banks) Gorham. Phebe died in Stamford, Conn., 28 August 1807, at 72 years of age. She was buried in Gorham's Pond Burying Ground, Noroton, Conn., but was later reburied in the Spring Grove Cemetery, Darien, Conn.[2]

Phebe Gorham married in Stamford 18 April 1758 **Samuel Seward** of Norwalk,[3] who was born about 1730,[4] the son of Samuel Seward. Samuel, [Jr.] died in Stamford 13 July 1801, aged 71 years, and was also buried in the Gorham's Pond Burying Ground, and later reburied in Darien.[5]

Samuel and Phebe Seward lived in Stamford, as is shown by many real estate transactions recorded there. Samuel served on the grand jury 16 December 1760, and as surveyor of highways, lister and tithingman.[6]

Phebe's father, George Gorham, in his will dated 28 March 1772, probated 5 May 1772, named her as Phebe, wife of Samuel Seward and gave her £10.[7]

Phebe's husband, Samuel Seward, late of Stamford, in his will dated 28 March 1799 (or 1797?), probated 4 August 1801, gave all of his estate to his wife, Phebe, and named her as the executrix. Witnesses were John Clock, Samuel Waring, Jr., and Samuel Webb, Jr. Phebe posted bond of $3,000 with her brother, Daniel Gorham, as surety. The inventory of Samuel Seward's real and personal property, which amounted to $1425.09, plus notes of $491.00, was taken 5 January 1802 by Daniel Gorham and John Clock, and filed 4 May 1802.[8]

Phebe Seward, Samuel's widow, in her will dated 17 August 1807, probated 1 September 1807, gave her wearing apparel to her beloved sister Hannah Smith and her beloved sister Sarah Seely, and to Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Waring. She gave all of her land called "Crossback" to her nephew John Gorham, son of her brother, Daniel Gorham, provided he brought no account against her estate after her decease. After John Gorham's death, the land was to go to her brother Daniel Gorham, or his heirs, but if John brought an account against her estate, then the land was to go directly to his father, Daniel Gorham, at Phebe's decease. She gave her house, outhouses and the land belonging to her homestead to her niece Charity Gorham, daughter of her brother, George Gorham, for

her own use absolutely. Charity Gorham and John Gorham were given equal shares in Phebe's moveable property, money and notes. John Weed, Jr., was named executor.[9]

Phebe apparently had no children.

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439. **Daniel Gorham**[5] (*George*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Rye, New York, 17 May 1737,[1] the son of George and Hannah (Banks) Gorham. He died in Noroton, Conn., 25 January 1820, at 83 years of age.[2]

Daniel Gorham married first, in Stamford, Conn., 25 January 1766 **Abigail Waterbury**,[3] who was born in Stamford 29 July 1737,[4] the daughter of John and Hannah Waterbury of Stamford. Abigail died in Noroton 2 April 1777.[5]

Daniel Gorham married second, in Darien 15 July 1780 **Jane Bates**,[6] who was born in Stamford 28 February 1754,[7] the daughter of Samuel and Ann (Morehouse) Bates. Jane died in Noroton 28 September 1833, aged 76 years.[8]

On 4 March 1768, Daniel's father, George Gorham of Stamford, gave Daniel twelve acres of land in Stamford with buildings and fruit trees. This was recorded 28 April 1772.[9] In his will dated 28 March 1772, probated 5 May 1772, George Gorham mentioned Daniel along with his other children. Daniel and his brother Joseph were named joint executors.[10]

Daniel succeeded his father as the administrator of the intestate estate of his older brother, Shubael Gorham, on 15 July 1772. Daniel Gorham and Peter Quintard gave their bond for £1000. Probate was completed and recorded 2 July 1773.[11] Shubael's son, John Gorham, chose Daniel as his guardian 11 September 1777.[12]

Abigail's father, John Waterbury of Stamford, called her "Abigail, now the wife of Daniel Gorham," in his will dated 10 March 1774, probated 15 March 1780.[13] After Abigail's death, her mother, Hannah Waterbury, in her will dated Stamford, 30 September 1784, mentioned the heirs of Abigail Gorham, deceased, along with Abigail's brother, John Waterbury, and her married sisters, Hannah Heusted, Mary Smith and Bethiah Tallmadge.[14]

Daniel took the side of the Patriots during the Revolutionary War. He was listed among those who took the Oath of Fidelity to Connecticut, 11

September 1777.[15] On 7 April 1783, Daniel acquired his brother Joseph's share in their father's mill by paying off two judgements the new State of Connecticut had placed against Joseph's property, which had been confiscated after Joseph fled to New Brunswick with other Loyalists. On 17 December 1789, Daniel recovered a judgement against his brother Jonathan, for his share in their inheritance,[16] Jonathan too having "gone over to the enemy," settling in Oak Point, Kingston Parish, New Brunswick.

Daniel was named a surveyor of highways 17 December 1787.[17] His extensive activities in buying and selling real estate are recorded in the Gorham Family manuscript 3:322-38.

Phebe Seward, Daniel's childless sister, in her will dated 17 August 1807, probated 1 September 1807, bequeathed a large part of her extensive landholdings to Daniel's son, John Gorham, on condition that John did not bring any charges against her estate. If he did, the property would go to Daniel, himself.[18]

Daniel Gorum (*sic*), called "of Darien," died intestate. On 24 February 1820, Samuel B. Warren of Stamford was appointed as the administrator of Daniel's estate. The inventory was taken by Barnabas Marvin and Henry Bates and was filed 21 March 1821. It amounted to $754.61 in personal property and $11,134.55 in real estate. On 20 December 1822, the distribution of Daniel Gorum's estate was made to widow Jane Gorum, who received $132.97 in personal property and $3,294.40 in real estate, the real estate being her right of dower. Land was distributed to Alfred, Charlotte, Samuel, Daniel, Joseph, George, and Henry Gorum, and to his married daughters Polly Gray, wife of Isaac Gray, and Phebe Gray, wife of Benjamin Gray.[19]

Children (**Gorham**), born in Stamford, Conn., and baptized there in St. John's Church:[20]

By his first wife, Abigail Waterbury:

i. **Hannah**^{6}, born 23 December 1767, bapt. 6 March 1768, died 26 November 1770.
ii. **John**, born 9 December 1769, bapt. 21 February 1770.
iii. **Daniel**, born 13 June 1772, bapt. 26 July 1772.
iv. **Hannah**, born 29 March 1775, bapt. 28 May 1775, died 27 February 1782.

By his second wife, Jane Bates:

v. **Samuel**, born 26 October 1780, bapt. 22 December 1780.
vi. **Polly**, born 3 February 1782.
vii. **Daniel**, born 28 September 1783, bapt. 15 March 1785.
viii. **Joseph**, born 4 March 1785, bapt. 15 March 1785.
ix. **George**, born 22 February 1787, bapt. 23 February 1787.
x. **Charlotte**, born 24 May 1788, bapt. 16 March 1791.

xi. **Alfred**, born 25 February 1790, bapt. 16 March 1791.
xii. **Henry**, born 28 August 1792, bapt. 29 October 1792.
xiii. **Phebe**, born 17 January 1795.

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440. **Jonathan Gorham**[5] (*George*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stamford, Conn., 25 January 1740,[1] the son of George and Hannah (Banks) Gorham. He died in Oak Point, Kings County, New Brunswick, between 8 April and 8 May 1824, and was probably buried in St. Paul's Anglican Churchyard, Oak Point.[2]

Jonathan Gorham married in St. George's Church, Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y., 14 September 1775 **Mary Watters/Walters**,[3] who has not been identified. She died in Oak Point, New Brunswick, in October 1822.[5]

Jonathan's father, Capt. George Gorham of Stamford, in his will dated 28 March 1772, proved 5 May 1772, left one-third part of his half of the mills to Jonathan.[6]

Jonathan Gorham was a Loyalist who settled in the Parish of Greenwich, Kings County, New Brunswick, in the autumn of 1783. In Canada he has been called "founder of western [Canadian] families." He was the progenitor of the Oak Point branch of the Gorham family. In a grant dated 1787, Jonathan received a lot of 200 acres on the northwest side of the Saint John River, in the Long Reach, opposite Caton's Island, Kingston (now Greenwich) Parish.[7]

On 17 December 1789 Jonathan's brother, Daniel, recovered a judgement against Jonathan Gorham, "late of Stamford, now of the Province of New Brunswick in the Kingdom of Great Britain," for his half of the grist mill, valued at £37-10-0, which they had inherited jointly from their father, and which had been confiscated by Connecticut from Jonathan Gorham who, as a Loyalist, had "gone over to the enemy."[8]

Jonathan Gorham became a leader in Oak Point, New Brunswick. He was a founder of St. George's Chapel, built in Oak Point in 1790. He owned a tavern, a brickyard, and a store. He was active in the militia during the War of 1812, on the side of the British.[9]

In his will dated 8 April 1824 and probated 8 May 1824, Jonathan Gorum (*sic*) of the Parish of Greenwich and county of Kingston, farmer, gave his son, William, £5 in lawful money of the province of New Brunswick. He gave his well-beloved daughter, Pheby, £15. Son Daniel Gorum (*sic*) was given the upper half of a lot containing 100 acres, more or less. Jonathan's well-beloved daughters, Lydia and Elizabeth, were given 100 acres between them, near land owned by William Gorum. Jonathan named Daniel Peatman (?) and his sons, William and Daniel Gorum as "sole executors." The witnesses were Benjamin Crawford, Daniel Peatman (?) and William Belyea. The inventory which was taken at Kingston, 8 May 1824, included real property valued at £120, and personal property due from Daniel Gorum, William Gorum and James Gorum.[10]

Children (**Gorham/Gorum**), first one baptized in St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford, Conn., others born in Greenwich, Kings County, New Brunswick:[11]

i. **Jonathan**[6], bapt. 28 June 1776; not mentioned in father's will.
ii. **Phoebe**, born about 1787.
iii. **William**, born about 1789.
iv. **Lydia**, born about 1791.
v. **Elizabeth**, born about 1796.
vi. **Daniel**, born about 1799.

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441. **Sarah Gorham**[5] (*George*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stamford, Conn., 4 August 1742,[1] the daughter of George and Hannah (Banks) Gorham. She died after 17 August 1807,[2] the date she was mentioned in the will of her sister, Phebe Seward.

Sarah Gorham of Darien, Conn., married first, in Stamford, as his second wife, 25 February 1770, **Stephen Hanford** of New Canaan in Norwalk, Conn.,[3] who was baptized in Canaan 30 October 1737, the son of Samuel and Dinah (Comstock) Hanford.[4] He died between 20 May and 21 June 1784.[5] Stephen Hanford had married first, 27 June 1764,

Jemima Kellogg,[6] who was the mother of his three children, Dinah Hanford, baptized 9 June 1765, Ruth Hanford, baptized 27 August 1766, and George Hanford, born before 1770, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.[7]

Sarah married second, in New Canaan 4 October 1789 **Eliphalet Seeley**,[8] who may have been the Eliphalet Seeley who was born in Stamford 2 March 1740,[9] the son of Eliphalet and Sarah Seeley.

Sarah's father, George Gorham, in his will dated 28 March 1772, gave her £10, calling her "wife of Stephen Hanford."[10]

Sarah's first husband, Stephen Hanford of Norwalk, in his will dated 20 May 1784, proved 21 June 1784, gave his loving daughter, Ruth, the wife of William Brown, £5 and what she had already received. He gave his loving daughter, Dinah Hanford, as much of his estate as would make her equal with his daughter Ruth. He gave his beloved wife, Sarah Hanford, the use and improvement of the remainder of the whole estate until his son, George Hanford, arrived at the age of twenty-one, at which time his son, George, was to have half of the estate and his wife, Sarah, was to have the other half. He appointed his wife, Sarah, and his brother, Samuel Hanford, Jr., joint executors. Witnesses were Ephraim Smith, Matthew Marvin and Gideon St. John. On 4 October 1784 the court accepted the inventory, appraised by Theophilus Hanford and Aaron Comstock, and proved by Samuel Hanford, executor. On 4 October 1788 a distribution of the estate was made by Theophilus Hanford and Aaron Comstock, which set out certain pieces of land to the widow, Sarah, to son George Hanford, to daughter Dinah, the wife of David Bouton, and to daughter Ruth, the wife of William Brown. On 14 November 1788 William and Ruth Brown of Ballston, New York, and Daniel and Dinah Bouton of Norwalk, deeded to Sarah Hanford land in Canaan Parish, near the meeting house, formerly belonging to Stephen Hanford, deceased, which, in the distribution of his estate, was set out to Dinah Bouton and Ruth Brown. The accounting of the estate was accepted by the court 18 August 1790.[11]

Proof that Sarah did not have any children by Stephen Hanford was found in a deed dated 8 April 1794, in which Stephen's father, Samuel Hanford of Norwalk, deeded land in Norwalk to his grandchildren, the heirs of his son, Stephen Hanford, who were named as George Hanford, Dinah, the wife of David Bouton, and Ruth, the wife of William Brown.[12] These were Stephen's children by his first wife.

On 18 July 1798, Sarah and her second husband, Eliphalet Sealy (*sic*) of Stamford sold to Aaron Comstock of Norwalk for $100.00 a tract of land containing ten acres, more or less, in the parish of Canaan. Witnesses were Ebenezer Sealy, Jr., and Joseph Silliman.[13]

Sarah was left a bequest by her sister, Phebe Seward, in her will dated 17 August 1807, probated 1 September 1807, who called her "my beloved sister Sarah Seely."[14]

No probate records have been found for Eliphalet Seeley or for Sarah. She apparently had no children of her own, although she raised the children of her first husband.

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442. **George Gorham**[5] (*George*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stamford, Conn., 4 September 1744,[1], the son of George and Hannah (Banks) Gorham. He died in Derby, Conn., 3 May 1838 (*sic*), at 94 years of age.[2]

George Gorham married in Derby in 1767 **Sarah Stephens,**[3] who was born in Derby in 1744,[4] the daughter of John and Mary (Painter) Stephens. Sarah was probably the Mrs. Gorum whose death was recorded in the Darien Congregational Church records in October 1833. She was living 5 July 1820, when her husband applied for a pension as a veteran of the Revolutionary War, but had died before 3 May 1838, the date of her husband's death.[5]

George was mentioned with his brothers and sisters by his father, George Gorham of Stamford, in his will dated 28 March 1772, probated 5 May 1772. George was to share his father's half of the mills with two of his brothers, Jonathan and Joseph,[6] both of whom became Loyalists during the Revolution and fled to New Brunswick.

George Gorham "of Derby," was a sea captain, shipbuilder and ship carpenter. Along with his brother, Daniel, he sided with the Patriots. He served in the Revolutionary War, enlisting as a private, 1 October 1777, for three years service in Captain Daniel Pendleton's company of Artificers, in Colonel Jonathan Baldwin's regiment, "on the Continental Establishment." He was discharged in October 1780, at Morristown, New Jersey.[7] During his service, he helped stretch a steel chain across the Hudson River to prevent the British ships from sailing upriver.[8]

On 10 November 1780, he was called "George Gorham of Derby, of New Haven County" when he deeded to his brother, Daniel Gorham of

Stamford, his share in the estate of his father, George Gorham of Stamford, valued at £67-10, which was one-sixth part of two grist mills, subject to his mother's dower rights. This deed was recorded 13 January 1781.[9] With the proceeds he bought land on the Housatonic River in the Uptown area of Derby.[10]

In the U.S. Census of 1790, George Gorham was listed as head of a family with one male over 16, one male under 16, and four females.[11]

George Gorham's sister, Phebe Seward, in her will dated 17 August 1807, gave her dwelling house, outhouses and the land belonging to her homestead to her niece, Charity Gorham, George's daughter.[12]

After a prosperous career as a shipbuilder, George Gorham met with financial reverses about 1807 and died a poor man.[13] On 2 April 1818 he applied for a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War, in which he said that he and his wife were both 74 years of age. On 5 July 1820, after proof of financial need was required, he reapplied, saying that his occupation was that of a ship carpenter and that he and his wife were now 76 years of age, and were "aided by the charity of friends for their support." The total value of his property was $40.42. He was therefor awarded a pension of $96.00 per year. His pension papers contain a letter from Frederick Croswell, Judge of Probate in New Haven County, dated 5 April 1837 (*sic*), stating that George Gorham had died in Derby, 3 May 1838 (*sic*), and was survived by three children, Hannah Wilcoxson and Apame Osborne, both of Derby, and by Charity Palmer, wife of Lounsbury Palmer of Stamford.[14] No probate records have been found for George Gorham beyond the notice from the Judge of Probate Court to the United States Government giving notice of George Gorham's death.

Children (**Gorham**), apparently all born in Derby, Conn., all but first and last baptized in St. James's Church, Derby:[15]

i. **Apame**[6], bapt. 17 July 1768, not in St. James's Church records but in Pension File.
ii. **Hannah**, bapt. 15 July 1770.
iii. **Frederic**, bapt. 31 January 1773.
iv. **John**, bapt. 18 June 1775.
v. **Nabbe**, bapt. 27 May 1781.
vi. **Stephen**, bapt. 21 August 1782.
vii. **Charity/Cherry**, bapt. in June or July 1783, mentioned in Aunt Phebe Seward's will.
viii. **George**, born about 1787; not in St. James's Church records but buried in the Episcopal Churchyard, Derby, Conn.

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443. **Joseph Gorham**[5] (*George*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Stamford, Conn., 5 February 1745/6,[1] the son of George and Hannah (Banks) Gorham. Joseph died in Kingston, New Brunswick, 4 February 1832, at 86 years of age, and was recorded there in Trinity Anglican Church Records.[2]

Joseph Gorham seems not to have married.[3]

Joseph's father, George Gorham of Stamford, in his will dated 28 March 1772, mentioned all of his children and gave Joseph and his brother, Daniel, equal shares in land in Stamford, including the orchard and half of the house, as well as land in Boston and New Hampshire. Joseph and Daniel were named joint executors of their father's will.[4]

Joseph's name was on a list of freemen admitted by the Town of Stamford, 3 December 1770. He was named surveyor of highways in Stamford, 20 December 1773.[5] During the Revolutionary War he was imprisoned for being a Loyalist. As a result, on 4 June 1777, his brother Daniel paid Samuel Sturges, keeper of the jail, for Joseph's board and expenses in jail. Joseph's property was confiscated and seized by the State of Connecticut on 27 November 1778 and on the same day letters of administration on the estate of Joseph Gorham, "absentee," were granted to David Bouton of Stamford. An inventory of the estate of Joseph Gorham, late of Stamford, containing a homestead and buildings which were subject to his mother's dower rights, was appraised by James Weed and Abraham Weed, commissioners, with a value of £320, and was filed 28 December 1778. The total valuation of Joseph's estate came to £588-4-1, and was filed 1 April 1779.[6] On 7 April 1783, Joseph's brother, Daniel Gorham, paid the State of Connecticut £117 for Joseph's land, subject to his mother's dower rights, Joseph "being with the enemies of the United States." In a deed recorded 17 March 1784, Daniel Gorham bought from the State of Connecticut Joseph's right in their father's grist mill on Goodwives River.[7]

Joseph Gorham was the captain of a militia company of Loyalist refugees who sailed in the second fleet from Sandy Hook, New York, 16

June 1783, aboard the ship, *Two Sisters*, and arrived in the harbor at Saint John, New Brunswick, on June 28th.[8] In a grant dated 1784, Joseph received a lot on the Kennebecasis River in Kingston Parish, Kings County.[9]

On 24 March 1786 Joseph Gorham submitted a claim to the American Claims Commission of the British Government at Saint John, New Brunswick, for compensation for losses suffered as the result of his loyalty to the Crown during the Revolution. He stated that he was an artificer and a resident of Stamford, Conn., at the time of the loss, and assisted loyalists to reach British lines in New York. He was taken with despatches and confined to the Fairfield Goal but escaped to New York where he was appointed to the Engineer's Department. His losses included fourteen acres of land in Stamford near the Goodwives River, one-sixth of a gristmill and a boat, etc. He cited as witnesses his nephews, John Gorham and Nathaniel Gorham of Saint John, sons of his brother, Shubael. His claim was rejected.[10]

Joseph Gorham became a Freeman of Saint John in 1790, being admitted as a carpenter.[11] He apparently did not leave any descendants.

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444. **Ruth Lovell**[5] (*Abigail Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 20 March 1718 (Nantucket records: 20th 3 mo. 1718 [*sic*]),[1] the daughter of James and Abigail (Gorham) Lovell. She died on the Island of Nantucket 24th 6 mo. 1803.[2]

Ruth Lovell, called "Lovewell," married on Nantucket 28 November 1734 (22d 11 mo. 1734 [*sic*]) **Josiah Clark,**[3] who was born on Nantucket 30th 9 mo. 1712,[4] the son of Thomas and Mary (Church) Clark. Josiah Clark died on Nantucket 4th 3 mo. 1782.[5]

Ruth's father, James Lovell of Barnstable, called Ruth "daughter Ruth Clerk," in his will dated 2 May 1755.[6]

Ruth's husband, Josiah Clark, yeoman, in his will dated Nantucket, 7 February 1782, probated 1 March 1782, gave five shillings each to his son Reuben Clark, and his daughter Abigail Gardner. The remainder was given to his wife Ruth Clark, her heirs and assigns. He also mentioned his grandson Reuben Clark. His wife Ruth, was named executor. Witnesses were William Clark, Joseph Clark and Fredk. Folger.[7]

Children (Clark), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[8]

i. **Reuben**[6], born 14th 10 mo. 1735.
ii. **Abigail**, born 3d 12 mo. 1741.

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445. **Abigail Lovell**[5] (*Abigail Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 14 October 1719, the daughter of James and Abigail (Gorham) Lovell. Abigail died in Norwalk, Conn., before February 1760, the date her father wrote a codicil to his will.

Abigail Lovell married in Barnstable 8 December 1737 (intentions 22 October 1737) her second cousin, **Joseph Gorham**[5-5], who was born in Barnstable 26 August 1713, the son of John Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife Prudence Crocker[4] (*Anne*[3] *Howland, John*[2-1]). Joseph died in Norwalk, Conn., before 1 January 1760, the date the court appointed his father's cousin, Joseph Gorham of Fairfield, Conn., as the administrator of his estate.

[For the record of this family, see #270, pages 364-65.]

446. **Daniel Lovell**[5] (*Abigail Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 20 June 1722,[1] the son of James and Abigail (Gorham) Lovell. He died there 9 August 1785.[2]

Daniel Lovell married in Vineyard Haven, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., (intentions, also recorded in Barnstable) 10 May 1745, **Sarah Beetle** of Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard,[3] whose ancestry has not been ascertained. Sarah died in Barnstable 9 January 1808.[4]

Daniel was mentioned by his father, James Lovell, in his will dated 2 May 1755, probated 1 June 1761.[5] He was a soldier in the French and Indian War.[6] He and his son Christopher, were Loyalists during the Revolutionary War but they did not leave Barnstable. Daniel's brother, Shubael Lovell, was arrested and jailed in 1775 for "correspondence with the enemy."[7]

Daniel Lovell of Barnstable, yeoman, in his will dated 30 July 1785, probated 17 October 1785, gave his well-beloved wife Sarah, his best bed, his best cow, one-third of his personal estate, and all of his real estate during her natural life. After her death his extensive landholdings, silver and apparel were to be divided, according to his explicit instructions,

among his five sons, Daniel, Christopher, Nehemiah, Gorham and Shubael. His oldest daughter Desire, and youngest daughter Sarah, were to live in his house while unmarried and each one was given one bed and furniture, one silver spoon and £20, to be paid to them by their brothers. His second daughter Abigail Freeman, was given £2. Sons Daniel, Christopher and Nehemiah were named executors. Witnesses were Benjamin Hallet, Abigail Hallet and James Lovel.[8]

Some of Daniel's grandchildren moved to Homer, Athens County, Ohio, before 7 September 1821, according to a deed signed by Daniel's son, Christopher Lovel in Barnstable County.[9]

Children (**Lovell**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

i. **Desire**[6], born 24 September 1746.
ii. **Daniel**, born 17 April 1748.
iii. **Christopher**, born 30 April 1750.
iv. **Abigail**, born 17 November 1753.
v. **Sarah**, born 7 January 1758.
vi. **Nehemiah**, born 18 July 1764.
vii. **Gorham**, born 4 August 1767.
viii. **Shubael**, born 6 March 1770.

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447. **Desire Lovell**[5] (*Abigail Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 9 May 1726,[1] the daughter of James and Abigail (Gorham) Lovell. Desire died in Green's Farms, Fairfield, Conn., 17 November 1810, aged 85 years, 5 months, 17 days (Bible record, *sic*).[2]

Desire married in either Fairfield or Barnstable, 4 October 1750 **Dennie Chapman**,[3] who was born in Green's Farms, Fairfield, Conn., about 1730,[4] the son of the pastor of the Green's Farms Congregational Church, the Rev. Daniel Chapman and his wife, Grissel Dennie. Dennie Chapman died in Green's Farms 11 April 1793, aged 63 years, as recorded in the church's records.[5]

Desire renewed the covenant at Green's Farms Church, 19 May 1751, after her marriage.[6] She was named as "Desire Chapman" by her father, James Lovell, in his will dated 2 May 1755, proved 1 June 1761.[7] On 31 August 1777, called "wife of Denie Chapman," she was admitted into full communion with Green's Farms Church.[8]

Dennie Chapman was an ensign in the west parish company of the Fairfield militia in October 1753, and was called "Ensign" in his children's baptismal records from 1755 to 1758.[9]

In his will dated 18 January 1783, proved 17 June 1793, Dennie Chapman gave his beloved wife [not named] one-third part of his personal estate forever, and the use and improvement of one-third part of his real estate during her natural life. He gave £25 each to his daughter Nabbe, wife of Simon Couch, and to his daughter Eunice, wife of Talcut Banks. He gave nothing in this will to his daughter Elizabeth, wife of Gershom Bulkley, nor to his daughter Mary, wife of Moses Sherwood, because they had already been given their full portions. The residue and remainder of his estate was to be divided among his four sons, Lovel, Dennie, Daniel and James, with son Lovel to have a half share more, "being the eldest [son]." Lovel Chapman was appointed sole executor. Witnesses were Ebenezer Jessup, William Raymond, Jr., and Abraham Andrews. On 17 June 1793 Lovel Chapman accepted the trust as executor and gave his bond of £500, with Gershom Bradley, 2nd, as surety. On 7 January 1794 Lovel Chapman, executor, presented the inventory of the estate, taken by Ebenezer Jessup and Ebenezer Morehouse, appraisers. The accounts were allowed and filed by the court 5 May 1794.[10]

Children (**Chapman**), recorded in Fairfield, Conn., baptized in Green's Farms Congregational Church:[11]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 12 August 1751, bapt. 18 August 1751.
ii. **Mary**, bapt. 29 April 1753.
iii. **Lovel**, born 14 January 1755, bapt. as **Lovewel** 19 January 1755.
iv. **Dennie**, born 28 August 1756, bapt. 5 Sept. 1756.
v. **Abigail**, born 10 October 1758, bapt. as **Nabby** 28 October 1758.
vi. **Eunice**, bapt. 30 November 1760.
vii. **Daniel**, bapt. 1 August 1762.
viii. **James**, bapt. 25 October 1767.

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448. **Susannah Lovell**[5] (*Abigail Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 18 July 1728,[1] the daughter of James and Abigail (Gorham) Lovell. She died in Otisfield, Maine, about 1801 and was buried there.[2]

Inventory of the Estate of Dennie Chapman late of Fairfield dud. taken by the subscribers legally authorised Viz.

Homespun Coat 12/. Vest 2/6. Thin Vest 1/3	£0. 15. 9
Blue Vest 1/3. Trowsers 3/. 2 Woolen shirts 7/.	0. 11. 3
Two checked linnen shirts 4/. Linnen striped trowsers	0. 4. 0
2/6. old trowsers 9d. 2 pr. blue woolen stockings	0. 3. 3
9/. Old blue stockings 1/6. Three black chairs 7/6	0. 18. 0
3 older chairs 3/. Great Chair 1/. Old desk 7/.	0. 11. 0
Stand 3/6. Square table 3/. Small square table 1/6	0. 8. 0
Round table 10/. And Irons 7/. Peal & tongs 2/. Frying pan 2/6. Brass Kettle 18/. Small brass do. 4/. Grid iron	1. 4. 6
and toasting iron 1/. Bellows 1/6. Best bedsteas 10/.	0. 12. 6
Do. poorer 4/6. Do. poorest 3/. Great Wheel 1/6	0. 9. 0
Best bed bolster & pillows 45/. poorer do. 15/.	3. 0. 0
Old bed 14/ ~~bolster & pillows~~ blue bed quilt 6/. 4 old coverlids	1. 0. 0
8/. Two old blankets 4/. One pr. best sheets 20/. Two	1. 12. 0

Fig. 16. Part of the inventory of Dennie Chapman of Fairfield, Conn. From Fairfield Prob. Dist. 25:192. [For his family see #447, pp. 577-78.]

Dollars & two thirds of a Dollar & Phebe Wife to ye Sd Mayhew for Considera
ztion of Sd Note being Made Payable to her Sd Husband by their brother
David Manning of ye town County & Provine afore Sd Cordwainer Do for our
selves our Heirs Executors & administrators Remise Release & quit unto
our Sd Brother Manning all Manner of Claim or Demand unto all or any part
of the Estate which was our Father William Manning Whether personal
or Real Saving Such Goods as Was Divided to us by our Father in Law Willi
am Stubs in the Life time of our Mother Hannah Stubs & also one third
part of that Small tract of Land about ye Dwelling house of our Sd
Father Manning To Have & to Hold unto him the Sd David Manning
& to his Heirs forever Clearly aquited & Discharged from us ye Sd Matthew
Mayhew & Phebe & from our Heirs for Ever in Witness Whereof to
We have Set our hands & affixed our Seals this twentieth Day of
January in the twenty fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign
Lord George the Second of Great Brittain & King annoque Domini
1751

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in Presence of ——

Matthew Mayhew O
Phebe Mayhew O

Fig. 17. A Note from Matthew and Phebe Mayhew of Sherborn, Nantucket, Mass., to her brother, David Manning. From Nantucket Co. Deeds 6:65. [For their family see #468, pp. 603-4.]

Susannah Lovell married in Barnstable 30 January 1753 (intentions 23 May 1752) her cousin, **Benjamin Lovell,**[3] who was born in Barnstable 28 March 1728,[4] the son of Jacob and Content Lovell. Benjamin died in Barnstable 9 July 1802, in his 75th year and was buried in the Harwich Church Yard Cemetery in Harwich, Mass.[5]

Susannah was called "Susannah Lovell" by her father, James Lovell, in his will dated 2 May 1755.[6] Susannah's husband, Benjamin Lovell, served as a private at Fort George under Capt. John Bradbury, during King George's War, from 21 November 1746 to 18 August 1748,[7] before his marriage to Susannah. He was accidentally shot in the foot, which had to be partly amputated. In 1749 and again in 1750 he was granted a bounty of £10 by the General Court.[8] He was one of the jurors for the April Court in Barnstable, 1771.[9] In February 1771, Benjamin's wife, Susannah Lovel, was baptized as a Baptist by Elder Richard Chase.[10] After that date the family moved from Hyannis to the south parish of Harwich where Benjamin owned a water mill on Cold Brook.

In his *History of Harwich, Mass.*, Paine states that Benjamin Lovell, a native of Barnstable, bought the mill on Cold Brook "and had control of it for many years . . . sold it to his son-in-law, Benjamin Small, Jr., together with his place on the west side of the brook and removed to Maine. Benjamin Small, Jr., sold out in 1798."[11] The Maine 1800 U.S. Census shows Benjamin Lovell and his wife, both over 45 years of age, in Cumberland County, on the same page with Denne Lovell, certainly their son, who was head of a household with three males under 10, one male 10 to 16, one male 26 to 45, two females under 10, one female 10 to 16, and one female 26 to 45.[12] Josiah Paine's journal states that Benjamin and his wife lived in Otisfield, Maine, where Benjamin's wife died and was buried. Benjamin "returned to Harwich and resided with his daughter, Mrs. Lydia, wife of John Long, where he died of the Sleeping lethargy, July 9, 1802. He was interred in the Burying Ground at the Centre."[13] No probate records were found in Barnstable County for Benjamin Lovell.

Children (**Lovell**), probably born in Barnstable or Hyannis, Mass., between 1754 and 1770 but not recorded there:[14]

i. **William**[6], born 20 April 1753 (*sic*); called "of Barnstable" when he married in Harwich 21 October 1779 (int. 20 March 1779) **Dorotha Eldredge** of Harwich; six children named Ezekiel, William, Eldredge, Reuben, Benjamin and Susan; served in the Revolutionary War.[15]

ii. **Dennie/Denis**, born 19 September 1763; named for his mother's sister's husband, Dennie Chapman; called "of Harwich" when he married in August 1784 **Salome Farris** of Yarmouth. As Denis *Lovewell*, he moved to Otisfield, Cumberland County, Maine, around 1785 where he and his wife, Salome, had ten children named Ben-

jamin, born 24 November 1785, Gorham, Susannah, Denis, Anna, Samuel, Jeremiah, Rhoda, Salome and Silvanus Lovewell.[16]

iii. ?**Deborah**, named for her mother's sister; included in the *Lovell Family* but omitted by Josiah Paine.

iv. **Susannah**, named for her mother; intentions of marriage recorded in Harwich 12 April 1782 for Mr. **Benjamin Small**, Jr., and Miss Susannah Lovell; they had eight children named Denne, Thomas, 3rd, Lovel, Benjamin, Sukey, Polly, Abner and Zebina H. Small.[17]

v. **Lydia**, named for her mother's sister; intentions of marriage recorded in Harwich 18 February 1791 to **John Long**, Jr., "both of Harwich"; six children named Davis, Sabra, Lydia, Abigail, John, 3d., and Susannah Lovell Long. Her father, Benjamin Lovell, died at her house.[18]

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449. **Deborah Lovell**[5] (*Abigail Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 13 November 1730, the daughter of James and Abigail (Gorham) Lovell. Deborah died before 13th 10 mo. 1802, the date when her husband wrote his will but did not mention her.

Deborah Lovell married in Barnstable 26 February 1752 (intentions 2 November 1751) her second cousin, **Josiah Gorham**[5] of Nantucket, who was born in Barnstable 2 June 1723 (*sic*), recorded on Nantucket 2d 6 mo. 1723 (*sic*), the son of Stephen Gorham[4] (*John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) and his wife, Elizabeth Gardner. Josiah died in Easton, Washington Co., N.Y., in September 1803, at 90 years of age.

[For the record of this family, see #260, pages 348-49.]

450. **James Lovell**[5] (*Abigail Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 22 April 1732,[1] the son of James and Abigail (Gorham) Lovell. He died in Barnstable 20 April 1816.[2]

James Lovell married in Barnstable 9 December 1761 (intentions 7 October 1761) **Martha Fuller**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 21 June 1734,[4] the daughter of James and Temperance (Phinney) Fuller. Martha died in Barnstable 3 October 1808.[5] She was a descendant of *Mayflower* passengers Edward Fuller and Thomas Rogers.

James Lovell, [Jr.] was mentioned by his father, James Lovell, [Sr.], in his will dated 2 May 1755, probated 1 June 1761.[6] On 27 August 1769 James, [Jr.], and his wife, Martha, called "of Barnstable," were baptized by the Baptist minister, the Rev. Isaac Backus of Middleboro.[7]

On 2 September 1805, James Lovel of Barnstable, yeoman, who was now himself "Sr.," for love and affection plus $1.00, deeded to his only son, James Lovell, Jr., all of his real estate consisting of buildings, cleared land, woodland, swamp, salt and fresh meadow, excepting parts otherwise disposed of, always reserving to his wife the use of the premises during her natural life. Witnesses were Abigail Bacon and Rebecca I. Bacon.[8]

No probate records were found in Barnstable for James Lovell, [Jr.].

Children (**Lovell**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[9]

i. **Temperance**[6], born 13 October 1762.
ii. **Abigail**, born 24 January 1765.
iii. **Puella**, born 8 August 1766.
iv. **Martha**, born 5 October 1767.
v. **James**, born 21 August 1770.

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451. **Lydia Lovell**[5] (*Abigail Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 19 May 1735,[1] the daughter of James and Abigail (Gorham) Lovell. Lydia died after 20 March 1786, the date her husband made his will.[2]

Lydia Lovell married in Barnstable 16 December 1756 (intentions 3 July 1756) **Silvanus Stuart/Stewart**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 9 May 1729,[4] the son of James and Sarah (Taylor) Stuart. Silvanus died in Barnstable

between 20 March 1786, the date he made his will, and 28 April 1786, the date his will was probated.[5]

Lydia was called "Lydia Lovell" by her father, James Lovell, in his will dated 2 May 1755.[6]

Silvanus Stewart of Barnstable, yeoman, in his will dated 20 March 1786, probated 28 April 1786, gave his beloved wife, Lydia, all of his indoor movables and the use and improvement of one-third of his estate as long as she remained his widow. He gave his daughter, Puella Lovell, six shillings to be paid to her when his youngest son, Silvanus, arrived at the age of 21, which, in addition to what he had already given to her at and since her marriage, was her full portion. Daughters Remember and Lydia were each to be allowed to live in his house until marriage, and were each given one bed and furniture, except curtains, and £6 when they married, to be paid equally by his two sons, Solomon and Silvanus. Sons Solomon and Silvanus were given all of the real estate equally divided between them, subject to the rights of their mother and sisters mentioned earlier. Witnesses were Nathaniel Snow, David Barse and Samuel Snow. The will was presented for probate by the two sons, Solomon and Silvanus.[7]

Children (**Stuart/Stewart**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[8]

i. **Puella**[6], born 26 December 1757.
ii. **Solomon**, born 7 October 1759.
iii. **Remember**, born 6 February 1762.
iv. **Lydia**, in father's will.
v. **Silvanus**, called "youngest son" in father's will.

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452. **Puella Lovell**[5] (*Abigail Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 12 July 1738,[1] the daughter of James and Abigail (Gorham) Lovell. Puella died in Barnstable 25 March 1766, "in the 28th year of her age," and was buried near her father in the South Street Cemetery in Hyannis.[2]

Puella Lovell married in Barnstable 7 February 1760 (intentions 7 March 1759) **Thomas Goodspeed**,[3] who was born in Barnstable 27 October 1721,[4] the son of Roger and Hannah (Phinney) Goodspeed. Thomas Goodspeed married second, in Barnstable 25 August 1772 Susannah Taylor,[5] who was born in Barnstable 2 December 1744,[6] the daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Taylor. Susannah died 10 July 1773, in her 29th year

and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery in Barnstable.[7] Thomas died in Barnstable 7 August 1773, in his 52d year and was buried in Cobb's Hill Cemetery near Susannah.[8]

Puella was called Puella Lovell in the will of her father, James Lovell, dated 2 May 1755, proved 1 June 1761.[9] Her husband, Thomas Goodspeed, was a mariner and the captain of the sloop *Desire*, sailing between Boston and the Connecticut River.[10]

In his will dated 6 August 1773, probated 12 September 1773, Thomas Goodspeed, mariner, gave his real estate to his three children, Simeon, Thomas and Puella, to be divided equally. His sons were given their father's wearing apparel, and Puella was to inherit her mother's apparel and linen. Thomas named his beloved brother, Isaac Goodspeed, as his executor. Witnesses were Belcher Noyes, Barnabas Howes and James Davis, Jr. The inventory, taken by Nymphus Marston, Edmund Hinckley and Solomon Bodfish, amounted to £267-1-4 and was presented 7 October 1773. Isaac Goodspeed, was named guardian of the three children, Simeon, Thomas and Puella Goodspeed. Son Simeon served in the Revolutionary War and died before the estate was distributed. Final division of the estate was made 27 February 1784 and on 9 March 1784 Nathaniel Lewis and Thomas Phinney set off to Thomas Goodspeed, son of the deceased, one-half of the real estate by metes and bounds, and set off to Puella Goodspeed, the daughter, the other half.[11]

Thomas Goodspeed's father, Roger Goodspeed of Barnstable, in his will dated 13 December 1781, probated 18 April 1791, mentioned Thomas's two surviving children, calling them grandson Thomas Goodspeed and granddaughter Puella Goodspeed.[12]

Children (**Goodspeed**), born in Barnstable, Mass.:[13]

i. **Simeon**[6], born 9 March 1761, died in 1777 or 1778; served in the Revolutionary War.
ii. **Thomas**, born 6 September 1762.
iii. **Puella**, born 19 April 1765.

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453. **Shubael Lovell**[5] (*Abigail Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 16 October 1740,[1] the son of James

and Abigail (Gorham) Lovell. Shubael died after 1800, the date the Rev. Isaac Backus mentioned him in his *Diary* as a Baptist preacher.[2]

Shubael married in Barnstable 11 August 1763 (intentions 4 June 1763) **Mary Fuller**,[3] possibly the one born in Barnstable in 1741,[4] the sister of Shubael's brother James's wife, Martha Fuller, and the daughter of James and Temperance (Phinney) Fuller, a descendant of *Mayflower* passengers Edward Fuller and Thomas Rogers. Mary's date of death is not known.

Shubael was mentioned by his father, James Lovell, in his will dated 2 May 1755, probated 1 June 1761.[5] He was made hog reeve in 1766. He served on the petit jury in 1773, and was surveyor of highways in 1775.[6]

Shubael Lovell and his brother, Daniel, were Loyalists. Shubael was arrested and jailed in 1775 for "correspondence with the enemy," but he supposedly remained in Barnstable.[7] In 1779 it was voted that Shubael Lovell "supply" the widow of Levi Lewis, "he being a Continental soldier."[8]

Shubael seems to have become a Baptist preacher and served in Templeton, Mass., from 1793 to 1795 and in Rowley, Mass., before 1800.[9]

Possible children (**Lovell**), probably born in Barnstable, Mass.:[10]

i. **?Lazarus**[6].
ii. **?Shubael.**
iii. **?Abner W.**
iv. **?Anna.**
v. **?Lydia.**
vi. **?Data/Theodate.**

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454. **Anna Lovell**[5] (*Abigail Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Barnstable, Mass., 9 July 1743,[1] the daughter of James and Abigail (Gorham) Lovell. She died in Saratoga, N.Y., before 30 March 1810, the date of her husband's will.[2]

Anna Lovell married in Barnstable 26 December 1764 (intentions 4 May 1764) **David Rumsey** of Fairfield, Conn.,[3] who was born in Fairfield 22 October 1738,[4] the son of Benjamin and Isabel (Couch) Rumsey. David died in Saratoga, N.Y., between 30 March and 1 June 1810.[5]

Anna Lovell was mentioned by her father, James Lovell, in his will dated 5 May 1755.[6] She and her husband renewed the covenant at

Green's Farms Church 18 August 1765, being called, "David Rumsey and Anna, his wife." David was called "Lieut." in Green's Farms church records when his children were baptized.[7] He served as an ensign in the French and Indian War in the second Crown Point Expedition in October 1762 and in 1764. David and Anna Rumsey were living in Fairfield in 1774, when he sold land there, but moved to the Patent of Keyarderosara, Albany Co., N.Y., in 1775.[8]

In his will dated 30 March 1810, proved 1 June 1810, David Rumsey gave $12.50 to each of his sons, Daniel, David, Benjamin, Lovell and Joseph, and to his daughter, Puella, wife of Jesse Mead, with his youngest son, Stephen to receive the remainder of the estate and to serve as executor. Witnesses were Beriah Palmer, David Pollock and John Gardner.[9]

Children (**Rumsey**), second through fifth baptized in Green's Farms Church, Fairfield, Conn., rest born in Half Moon, Saratoga Co., N.Y.:[10]

i. **Puella**[6], born 1 August 1766.
ii. **Daniel**, born 11 July 1768, bapt. 28 August 1768.
iii. **David**, born 20 May 1770, bapt. 1 July 1770.
iv. **Benjamin**, bapt. 19 April 1772, died 31 December 1773.[11]
v. **Benjamin**, bapt. 28 August 1774.
vi. **Lovell**, born about 1777.
vii. **Joseph**, born 3 June 1779.
viii. **Lewis**, born 3 June 1781, bapt. 3 June 1784; died 1802, unmarried.
ix. **Stephen**, born 1783.
x. **Anna**, born about 1785, bapt. Balltown Presbyterian Church, died young.
xi. Unnamed child bapt. 14 September 1788.

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455. **Abigail Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 23d 5 mo. 1721,[1] a twin with her sister Anna, and the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. She died there 24 April 1788.

Abigail married first, on Nantucket 1 April 1738 **George Bunker,**[3] who was born on Nantucket, the son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Coffin) Bunker.[4] George Bunker, called "of Sherborn," Nantucket, died intestate before 15 September 1741,[5] the date his brother, Simeon Bunker, was appointed as the administrator of his estate.

Abigail married second, on Nantucket 9 December 1743, **Benjamin Bunker,**[6] her husband's first cousin, who was born on Nantucket 14 April 1721,[7] the son of Jabez and Hannah (Gardner) Bunker. Benjamin Bunker died on Nantucket 28 September 1788.[8]

George Bunker was a mariner and lived with his family in the Sherborn section of Nantucket. He died rather young. On 15 September 1741, his brother, Simeon Bunker of Sherborn, was appointed as the administrator of George's intestate estate and was directed to file an accounting "before the tenth day of June next ensuing."[9]

Abigail's second husband, Benjamin Bunker, was mentioned in the will of his father, Jabez Bunker, which was probated 25 May 1750.[10] Starbuck, in his *History of Nantucket*, says that Benjamin Bunker "removed from the Island 29th 9 mo. 1788,[11] after Abigail's death, but *Nantucket Vital Records* state that he died two days before that.[12]

Child (**Bunker**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., by her first husband, George Bunker:[13]

i. **Lydia**[6], born 24 July 1737 (*sic*), probably an error for 1739.

Children (**Bunker**), born on Nantucket, by her second husband, Benjamin Bunker:[14]

ii. **Anna**, born 23 November 1744.
iii. **Barzilla**, born 16 August 1754.
iv. **Timothy**, born in 1756.
v. **Elijah** born in December, 1763.

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456. **Anna Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 23d 5 mo. 1721,[1] a twin with her sister, Abigail, and the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. Anna died on Nantucket 31 October 1795.[2]

Anna Worth married first, on Nantucket 8 April 1738 **Abraham Macy,**[3] who was born on Nantucket 9 July 1715,[4] the son of Richard and Deborah (Pinkham) Macy. Abraham Macy died on Nantucket 4 July 1746.[5]

Anna married second, on Nantucket 16 October 1755, as his second wife, **Tristram Swain,**[6] who was born on Nantucket, the son of John and Mary (Swett) Swain. Tristram Swain had married first, 6th 8 mo. 1743 Phebe Coffin, daughter of Richard and Ruth (Bunker) Coffin.[7] Tristram Swain died on Nantucket 21 April 1796.[8]

Anna's first husband, Abraham Macy, was mentioned as deceased by his father, Richard Macy, in his will probated 7 January 1780.[9]

Anna's second husband, Tristram Swain, was called yeoman when he made his will, 16th 2 mo. 1796. It was probated 2 June 1796. In it he mentioned his children by both of his wives, naming them as his daughters Phebe Barnard [Anna's daughter], and Lydia Barnard, widow [his first wife's daughter], his son, Tristram Swain, Jr., [his first wife's son], and the heirs of his deceased daughter, Margaret Jenkins [his first wife's daughter]. He named his son, Tristram Swain and his kinsman, Francis Swain, joint executors. Witnesses were Nathaniel Coleman, Job Chase and Thomas Smith. The estate was appraised at $681.89½.[10]

Children (**Macy**), by her first husband, Abraham Macy, born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[11]

i. **Abraham**[6], born 7 August 1739.
ii. **Simeon**, born 30 November 1742.
iii. **Anna**, born 24 October 1744.
iv. **Reuben**, born 14 January 1747.

Children (**Swain**), by her second husband, Tristram Swain:

v. **Phebe**, born 31 July 1756.
vi. **Seth**, born 3 December 1761, died 10 mo. 1780.

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[An account of this family was published in *NGSQ* 76:271-72.]

457. **Nathaniel Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 4th 7 mo. 1723,[1] the son of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. He died on Nantucket 20 June 1806.[2]

Nathaniel Worth, "of Sherborn on Nantucket," married on Nantucket 20 September 1759, as her second husband, widow **Abigail (Coffin) Swain,**[3] who was born on Nantucket 22 June 1729,[4] the daughter of Richard and Ruth (Bunker) Coffin and the widow of Seth Swain. Abigail had two children by her first husband, Andrew Swain, born 1 February 1754, and Matthew Swain, born 24 March 1756,[5] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Abigail died on Nantucket 24 October 1795.[6]

Nathaniel Worth and his wife were Quakers. He was a hatter, according to a deed dated 21 March 1792, in which he recorded the sale of a dwelling house in Sherborn, Nantucket, for £48 to Walter Folger of Sherborn, merchant. The deed was signed by Nathaniel Worth and Abigail Worth in the presence of David Allen and Lot Cottle.[7] Abigail died three years later at the age of 66.[8]

No probate records were found for either Nathaniel or Abigail Worth and no children were recorded for them in Nantucket records. The Gorham Manuscript mentions a possible son named John but with no birth date or proof of birth.[9]

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[An account of this family was published in *NGSQ* 76:272.]

458. **Reuben Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 13th 7 mo. 1725,[1] the son of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. He died on Nantucket 22 April 1800.[2]

Reuben Worth married on Nantucket 30th 9 mo. 1749 **Mary Allen,**[3] who was born, probably in Fairhaven, Mass., the daughter of Silvanus and Jemima (Starbuck) Allen.[4] Mary died on Nantucket 4 June 1785.[5]

In the federal census of 1790, Reuben Worth was listed in Sherborn as head of a family of one male and two females.[6] Starbuck states that he "removed from the Island in 1795."[7] If so, he probably returned or continued to own property there because he was called "Reuben Worth, late of Nantucket, Rigger," in his will dated 15th 10th month 1799 and probated 1 May 1800. In it he mentioned his daughters, Lydia Worth and Elizabeth Gardner, and his granddaughters, Lydia Worth and Mary Mitchell. He named his son-in-law, Libni Gardner, husband of his daughter, Elizabeth, as sole executor of his estate. Witnesses were Elisha Macy, George Folger and Thadds. Joy.[8]

Children (**Worth**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[9]

i. **Reuben**[6], born 3d 7 mo. 1750, died 3d 6 mo. 1784, before his father, leaving heirs.
ii. **Charles**, born 29th 12 mo. 1752, died 27th 12 mo. 1753.
iii. **George**, born 12th 3 mo. 1755, died 27th 9 mo. 1756.
iv. **Mary**, born 19th 8 mo. 1757, died 30th 8 mo. 1759.
v. **Job**, born 10th 9 mo. 1759, died 13th 11 mo. 1760.
vi. **Elizabeth**, born 29th 12 mo. 1761.
vii. **Mary**, born 31st 5 mo. 1764, died 14th 6 mo. 1785.
viii. **Lydia**, born 13th 9 mo. 1766.
ix. **Adino**, born 11th 9 mo. 1768.

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[An account of this family was published in *NGSQ* 76:272-73.]

459. **Silvanus Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 27th 6 mo. 1727,[1] the son of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. He died in Sherborn, Nantucket 10th 8 mo. 1811.[2]

Silvanus Worth married on Nantucket 16th 9 mo. 1749 **Rachel Allen**,[3] who was born in Fairhaven or New Bedford, Mass., 13 July 1732, the daughter of Silvanus and Jemima (Starbuck) Allen.[4] Rachel was a sister of Mary Allen who married Silvanus Worth's brother, Reuben. Rachel died on Nantucket 10 March 1812.[5].

Silvanus Worth was a weaver. In 1758 Rachel's parents, Silvanus and Jemima (Starbuck) Allen, gave their daughter and son-in-law, Silvanus and Rachel Worth, land in Sherborn in the part called Wesco, which Rachel's mother, Jemima Starbuck, had inherited from her mother, Dorcas Starbuck, "the one halfe thereof to our Sd Son in Law, Silvanus, his Heirs and assigns for Ever . . . & the other half thereof to our Daughter, Rachel Worth, her heirs & assigns for Ever to her and their only Proper use, benefit & Behoof for ever more." Silvanus Allen and his wife, Jemima signed, sealed and acknowledged this deed 17 February 1758. Witnesses were Ebenezer Calef and John Long.[6] This deed was unusual in that Rachel's parents gave one-half of the property specifically to their son-in-law, and the other half to their daughter separately.

On 10 February 1759, Silvanus Worth's father, Joseph Worth of Sherborn, conveyed to his son, Silvanus Worth, weaver, for £60, the dwelling

house and land in Sherborn, "now in the tennore and occupation of him the said Silvanus Worth." The deed was signed by Joseph Worth in the presence of Hezekiah Coffin and Ebenezer Calfe (*sic*) and was acknowledged the same day before Ebenezer Coffin, Justice of the Peace. Joseph's wife, Lydia, did not sign to relinquish her dower rights. The deed was not recorded until four years later, 31 July 1763, almost five months after Lydia's death on 1 March 1763.[7]

Many more deeds were recorded in Nantucket County in which Silvanus Worth was identified as "bricklayer" and "mason." On 5 March 1798, Silvanus Worth, bricklayer, sold land to his son-in-law, Samuel Stubbs, cordwainer. Witnesses were Stephen Hussey and Horatio Nichols. The deed was signed and acknowledged 3 June 1800.[8] On 20 March 1801, Silvanus and Rachel Worth appointed their nephew-in-law, Libni Gardner, as their attorney, to sell land in New Bedford, Bristol County, Mass., which they had inherited from her father, Silvanus Allen.[9]

On 30 December 1803, Rachel Worth, "the wife of Silvanus Worth of Nantucket, stone-mason," sold to her son, Gideon Worth of Nantucket, bricklayer, for $400, three pieces of land in Bedford that she had received from her father, Silvanus Allen. Witnesses were Elizabeth Wyer and Jethro Hussey. Rachel, but not her husband, acknowledged the deed 30 December 1803. It was recorded 21 February 1804.[10]

On 22 March 1804, Rachel Worth, but not her husband, revoked the power of attorney she had given to her nephew-in-law, Libni Gardner of Nantucket, to sell land in New Bedford. This was recorded 10 August 1804. But it wasn't until 31 July 1806 that Silvanus Worth joined his wife in revoking the same power of attorney that they had given Libni Gardner in 1801. This was witnessed by Isaac Coffin, Margaret Coffin, Jonathan Gifford and John Cowing.[11]

No probate records have been found for Silvanus and Rachel Worth. Instead of making a will, on 28 September 1803, Silvanus sold his dwelling house and land to his son, Gideon Worth, for $900, "reserving to myself the sole use . . . as long as I shall live." This deed was recorded 12 July 1810, the year before Silvanus died.[12]

Children (**Worth**), born in Sherborn, Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[13]

i. **Miriam**[6], born 19 April 1752, died 3 January (or August) 1769.
ii. **Puella**, born 5 December 1754.
iii. **Gideon**, born 9 January 1757.
iv. **Solon**, born 25 February 1760.
v. **Drusilla**, born 4 December 1761.
vi. **Rachel**, born 29 October 1764.
vii. **Christina**, born 19 December 1766.

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[An account of this family was published in *NGSQ* 76:273-75.]

460. **Joseph Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 29th 9 mo. 1729,[1] the son of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. He died in New Garden, Guilford County, N.C., before May 1816, the date his will was proved.[2]

Joseph Worth married on Nantucket 6 December 1753 **Judith Starbuck,**[3] who was born on Nantucket 10 October 1734,[4] the daughter of William and Anna (Folger) Starbuck. Judith died in New Garden, Guilford County, N.C., 25 October 1830. *The Raleigh Register*, published in Raleigh, N.C., 11 November 1830, carried this notice: "Died in Guilford Co., on the 25 ultimo, Mrs. Judith Worth, a native of Nantucket, in the 96th year of her age."[5]

Joseph and Judith Worth may have gone to Barrington, Nova Scotia, around 1762 for a Joseph Worth was listed there as an American Protestant with a wife, one boy and two girls when the census was taken in 1770.[6] If so, they returned to Nantucket about 1773. Alexander Starbuck, in his *History of Nantucket*, states that this family "removed from the Island 29th 9 mo. 1774,"[7] before the start of the Revolutionary War. On 23 September 1774, a few days before they left, Joseph Worth, Junr., weaver, and his wife Judith, of Sherborn, with Joseph Macy, blacksmith, and his wife, Mary, and with another heir, Jethro Starbuck, sold to Jethro Mitchell, cooper, land which had been given to them by their father, William Starbuck.[8] On 24 September 1774, Joseph and Judith Worth with their brother-in-law and Judith's sister, Joseph and Mary Macy, sold to William Rotch, merchant, of Sherborn, another piece of land devised to them by their father, William Starbuck.[9] On the same day Joseph and Judith Worth sold to Jonathan Burnell, merchant, a share of land "and the remaining two-fifths part is to remain to the use of our mother-in-law, Lydia Pinkham, during her natural life."[10] Lydia Pinkham was the stepmother of Judith (Starbuck) Worth and Mary (Starbuck) Macy, whose father, William Starbuck, had married second, Lydia Coleman who, after William's death had married Theophilus Pinkham.[11] In a final transaction, 8 October 1774, two weeks after the date given by Starbuck for their move to North Carolina, Joseph and Judith Worth and Joseph and Mary

Macy jointly sold to William Hussey, merchant, 1/18th of one share in the Old North Wharf.[12]

Joseph and Judith Worth were Quakers. They were received as members of the Center Monthly Meeting in Guilford County, N.C., 20th 9 mo. 1774.[13] On 21 January 1776, records show the marriage of their daughter, Eunice Worth, to William Wilson, and on 27 November 1777 their daughter, Matilda Worth, married Latham Folger.[14] When the southern part of Guilford was cut away to form Randolph County in 1779, Joseph Worth and his eldest son, Jethro, called "single," were recorded on the first tax list. Most of the Quakers, including Joseph and Jethro, refused to turn in an inventory of their property but their names were included anyway.[15] In spite of having been listed on the Randolph County tax roll in 1779, the minutes of the Guilford County Court for 1784 state that Joseph Worth, "an infirm person," was exempted from paying poll-tax "from year to year."[16] When the U.S. Census for 1790 was taken, Joseph Worth was listed in Hillsborough District, Randolph County, N.C., as head of a family of four males and two females.[17] On 7 October 1796 Joseph and Judith Worth were called "of Randolph County" when the New Garden Monthly Meeting recorded the marriage of their son, Silas Worth, to Matilda Macy.[18] In the spring of 1806 Joseph Worth, called "of Randolph, North Carolina, yeoman," and Judith, his wife, gave their power of attorney to Matthew Starbuck, trader, of Guilford, to sell property they owned on Nantucket, described as one-thirty-sixth part of a share in the Old Straight Wharf.[19]

Joseph Worth, in his will dated 30th 9 mo. 1811, and proved in Randolph County, N.C., in the May term 1816, bequeathed to his beloved wife, Judith, all of his personal estate, together with one-third of the income from his real estate. He mentioned his sons, Charles, George, Paul and Silas Worth, and his daughters, Eunice Wilson and Matilda Folger. Son Paul Worth and kinsman Job Worth were named as executors. Witnesses were William Macy and Silvanus Swain.[20] Note that the names of George, Paul and Silas Worth, listed in this will, were omitted from both *Nantucket Vital Records* and from the Gorham Manuscript.

Children (**Worth**), first four born and recorded on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., last three possibly born in Barrington, Nova Scotia, all but first son mentioned in father's will:[21]

i. **Jethro**[6], born 3 September 1754, died in Deep River, N.C., 8 November 1781, before his intended marriage to Mary Barnard could take place.[22]
ii. **Eunice**, born 30 August 1756.
iii. **Matilda**, born 14 October 1758.

iv. **Charles**, born 17 June 1761.
v. **George**, named in father's will.
vi. **Paul**, named in father's will.
vii. **Silas**, named in father's will.

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[An account of this family was published in *NGSQ* 76:275-77.]

461. **Lydia Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 12th 12 mo. 1731,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. She died on Nantucket 17th 7 mo. 1776.[2]

Lydia Worth married on Nantucket 8 February 1749 **Peleg Bunker**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 19 April 1727,[4] the son of Jabez and Hannah (Gardner) Bunker. He was a brother of the Benjamin Bunker who became the second husband of Lydia's sister, Abigail. A younger Peleg Bunker, not this man, died on Nantucket 29 January 1806.[5] Our Peleg Bunker and his three youngest children are said to have "removed from the island" (i.e., were granted a certificate of removal by the Nantucket Monthly Meeting) 27th 11 mo. 1786.[6] His date and place of death are not known.

This Peleg Bunker has often been confused with the younger Peleg Bunker who was born on Nantucket twenty-one years after the Peleg Bunker who married Lydia Worth. The younger Peleg, born 17 December 1748 to Jonathan and Judith (Macy) Bunker, was married three times: first, 7th 1 mo. 1768 to Keziah Bunker; second, 16 January 1772, to Deborah Gorham, who was born in Norwalk, Conn., about 1755, the daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Lovell) Gorham [see #260:iii, page 349]; and third, 19 September 1773 to Lydia Gardner.[7] The U.S. Census of

1790 shows only the younger Peleg Bunker as head of a household in Sherborn, with one male over age sixteen, two males under age 16 and five females.[8] After fathering ten children, the younger Peleg Bunker died on Nantucket 14th 2 mo. 1806,[9] just two weeks after the older Peleg Bunker was supposed to have died, according to the entries in the published volumes of *Nantucket Vital Records.* On 5 June 1806, the probate judge of Nantucket County gave letters of administration to the younger Lydia Bunker of Nantucket for the estate of her husband, Peleg Bunker, a mariner, who had died intestate. The appraisal amounting to $820.17 2/3, was made by Benjamin Gardner, Samuel Barker and Ebenezer Coffin, Gentlemen, and was presented for probate 22 November 1806. The widow's dower was set off to Lydia on 5 August 1807, consisting of the north room of the dwelling house, the kitchen and cellar, with the privilege of passing and repassing out the front door.[10] The fact that Benjamin Gardner was one of the appraisers would indicate that this Lydia was Lydia Gardner, widow of the younger Peleg Bunker, not our Lydia Worth who had married the older Peleg Bunker and who had died in 1776, thirty years earlier. The younger Peleg's widow, Lydia (Gardner) Bunker, married second, 6th 8 mo. 1807, Francis Coffin, son of Peleg and Elizabeth (Hussey) Coffin.[11]

The published vital records of Nantucket contribute further to the confusion by listing the births of two boys named Tristram Bunker. The first Tristram Bunker was called "s.[son of] Peleg and Lydia (Worth), 1776,"[12] and the stated source was the undocumented genealogical records of William C. Folger. The second Tristram Bunker was listed as "ch. of Peleg and Lydia (third w.), — (i.e., child of Peleg and his third wife, Lydia, no known date of birth) and the cited source was the Quaker records of the Society of Friends on Nantucket.[13] An inspection of those Quaker records shows that it was the younger Peleg Bunker and his third wife, Lydia Gardner, who had a son named Tristram born on Nantucket, 26th 3 mo. 1776.[14] The same Quaker records show no son by that name for the older Peleg Bunker and his wife, Lydia Worth.

Adding to the confusion is the fact that both Peleg Bunkers named a daughter Lydia. The Gorham Manuscript states that the older Peleg's daughter of that name, born 18th 7 mo. 1773, married David Sprague, a man born on Nantucket sixteen years later, 18th 3 mo. 1789, the son of John and Mary (Bocott) Sprague. This age difference is possible but highly improbable. Actually, David Sprague married the younger Peleg's daughter, Lydia, who was born on Nantucket 10th 7 mo. 1790.[15]

Starbuck states that Peleg Bunker, certainly the elder, was one of the men chosen on 30 January 1760 "to walk the Town in the night season and on the first Day of the week, to suppress the Growing Disorders of the young people in the said Town and all others that are disorderly and

act Inconsistently with the Principles of Morality & Virtue." Starbuck also says that Peleg "removed from the Island 27th 11 mo. 1786."[16] No further record has been found for this Peleg Bunker. A man named Prince Bunker, possibly the son of that name who left Nantucket with his father in 1786, was recorded in the New York Monthly Meeting of Friends. Hinshaw's published extracts from these records contain the following entry, "Having mo [moved out of] Nantucket, refers it to this MM [Monthly Meeting] 7-3-1801, referred to Hudson 10-7-1801 as he now lives there."[17] This suggests that Peleg Bunker and his three youngest children probably moved to Hudson, N.Y., to be near his older children who had already settled there.

Children (**Bunker**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[18]

i. **Miriam**[6], born 19th 7 mo. 1752.
ii. **Latham**, born 22d 10 mo. 1755; moved to Hudson, Columbia County, N.Y.
iii. **Abial**, born 4th 3 mo. 1760; removed from the Island 26th 10 mo. 1778.
iv. **Anna**, born 27th 6 mo. 1762; lived in Hudson, N.Y. in 1790 with her husband, Abraham Folger.
v. **Paul**, born 12th 11 mo. 1764; lived in Hudson, N.Y., in 1790.
vi. **Rufus**, born 6th 2 mo. 1766; removed from the Island 31st 1 mo. 1785.
vii. **Ursula/Ulsy/Way**, born 30th 4 mo. 1768; removed from the Island 27th 11 mo. 1786.
viii. **Prince**, born 1st 8 mo. 1770; removed from the Island 27th 11 mo. 1786; mentioned in records of the New York Monthly Meeting in 1801.
ix. **Lydia**, born 18th 7 mo. 1773; removed from the Island 27th 11 mo. 1786.

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462. **Miriam Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 22d 4 mo. 1734,[1] the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. She died in Sherborn, Nantucket, 15 November 1763.[2]

Miriam Worth married on Nantucket 5th 10 mo. 1751 **Jonathan Gardner,**[3] who was born on Nantucket 19 December 1728,[4] the son of Barnabas and Mary (Wheeler) Gardner. Jonathan Gardner married second, in 1764 Anna (Coleman) Coffin, daughter of Elihu and Jemima (Barnard) Coleman and the widow of John Coffin.[5] He married third, 6th 7 mo. 1769 Eunice (Barnard) (Coffin) Ray, the daughter of Robert and Hepzibah (Coffin) Barnard and widow of Jonathan Coffin and Samuel Ray.[6] Jonathan Gardner died in Sherborn, Nantucket, 20 January 1807.[7] Only his daughters by his first wife were descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

In the U.S. Census of 1790 Jonathan Gardner was listed as the head of a family composed of two males over sixteen and one female.[8]

In his will dated "13 day of the 10th month 1794," probated 4 February 1807, Jonathan Gardner, cooper, mentioned his third wife, Eunice, and their son, Freeman Gardner. Freeman was bequeathed his father's dwelling house and shop. All of the residue of the estate was divided equally among his three surviving daughters by his first wife, Miriam Worth, named as Phebe, Hulday and Miriam. He named his son-in-law, Elisha Macy, husband of his daughter, Phebe, and his son, Freeman Gardner, as joint executors. Witnesses were Walter Folger, Jr., Robert Clasby and Jeremiah Gardner. The will was probated by Jonathan's daughter-in-law, Anna Gardner, "wife of Freeman Gardner, the executor."[9] Freeman Gardner, Jonathan's son by his third wife, was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

Children (**Gardner**), born in Sherborn, Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[10]

i. **Phebe**[6], born 25 August 1753; named in her father's will.
ii. **Miriam**, born 26 November 1755, died 21st 5 mo. 1756.
iii. **Huldah**, born 11 October 1758; named in her father's will; died unmarried 28 November 1848.
iv. **Naomi**, born 18 April 1761, died 2d 11 mo. 1762.
v. **Miriam**, born 4 November 1763; named in her father's will; died unmarried 10 July 1845.

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[An account of this family was published in *NGSQ* 76:279.]

463. **Thomas Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 1st 11 mo. 1736,[1] the son of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. He died in Hudson, Columbia County, N.Y., supposedly on 22 March 1823, according to the William C. Folger records. However, his tombstone in the Hudson City Cemetery has been read as "Thomas Worth, Jan. 1 1737—March 1824.[2]

Thomas Worth married first, on Nantucket 3 March 1757 **Deborah Swain**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 30 January 1739,[4] the daughter of Francis and Mary (Paddock) Swain. Deborah died there 16 July 1771.[5]

Thomas Worth married second, on Nantucket 9 July 1772 **Judith (Swain) Barnard**,[6] who was born on Nantucket in 1741,[7] the daughter of Caleb and Margaret (Paddock) Swain and widow of Christopher Barnard. Judith died in Hudson, N.Y., after July 1776, the birth of her last child, and before 1779, the year of her husband's third marriage.[8]

Thomas Worth married third, about 1779 (—) **Akins/Aiken**,[9] who has not been identified. Isaac Coffin, a probate judge for Nantucket County, kept a notebook in which he recorded the deaths of members of well-known Nantucket families, at home and abroad, and included the death of "John Akins Worth, son of Thomas Worth and his third wife, —— Akins." This would indicate that George W. Worth, in his "Nantucket Genealogies" is in error in calling her a Macy.[10]

Starbuck states that Thomas Worth "removed from the Island 30th 10 mo. 1775." If so, Thomas and his second wife, Judith, may have lived elsewhere for a few years before settling in Hudson, N.Y., in 1783, about the time that his son, David, was lost from his sloop in a hurricane.[11] As one of the first settlers in Hudson, he opened a store in which he sold silks and shoes.[12] In 1787 he became a member of the newly-organized Masonic Lodge of Hudson and was Assistant Alderman on the Common Council from 1788 through 1791.[13] He was assessor from 1789 to 1792.[14] He and his family were Quakers, including his daughter, Lydia, who married Samuel Edmunds in Hudson, 27 August 1786 and his daughter, Deborah Worth, who married Josiah Olcott 27 August 1786. His son, Gorham A. Worth married Lydia Dakin 8 November 1810.[15]

No probate records were found for Thomas Worth but, on 4 September 1788, Thomas Worth bought all of the household goods from his son-in-law, Samuel Edmunds, Jr., of Hillsdale, Columbia Co., N.Y., witnessed by Isaac Bateman and Barzillai Worth, and recorded 17 November 1788.[16]

Children (**Worth**), first five born on the Island of Nantucket, last three born in Hudson, N.Y.:[17]

By his first wife, Deborah Swain:

i. **Lydia**[6], born 9 September 1763.
ii. **David**, born about 1765, drowned in October 1783, swept overboard from his sloop during a hurricane.[18]
iii. **Barzillai**, born 10 July 1767.

By his second wife, Judith (Swain) Barnard:[19]

iv. **Deborah**, born 26 April 1773.
v. **Sylvia**, born 12 July 1776.

By his third wife, (——) Akins/Aken:[20]

vi. **John Akins**, born in August 1780, "d. Hudson, N.Y., Apr. 1827, aged 46 yrs. 8 mos., son of Thomas Worth and his 3rd wife —— Akins."[21]
vii. **Gorham A.**, born 21 June 1782.
viii. **Frederick W.**

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464. **Daniel Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 10th 12 mo. 1739,[1] the son of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. He died in Guilford County, N.C., 10 July 1830.[2]

Daniel Worth married on Nantucket 9 February 1764 **Eunice Hussey**[6].[3] who was born on Nantucket 30 September 1744,[4] the daughter of Daniel Hussey and his wife, Sarah Gorham[5] (*Stephen*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Eunice died in Guilford County, N.C., after 10 July 1830, the date of her husband's death.[5] Daniel Worth and Eunice Hussey were both descended from *Mayflower* passenger John Howland, being second cousins, one generation removed. [See #257:v., page 344.]

Daniel and Eunice were Quakers. On 27 July 1771, the records of New Garden Monthly Meeting show that Daniel was received on certificate from the Nantucket Monthly Meeting, dated 25 April 1771.[6] On 14

February 1787 Daniel and Eunice Worth witnessed a deed when their oldest son, Job Worth, bought property at 22 years of age.[7] On 29 November 1787, Job Worth, son of Daniel and Eunice Worth of Guilford Co., married Rhoda Macy, a member of another Nantucket family, in the Center Monthly Meeting. On 29 September 1791, Lydia Worth, daughter of Daniel and Eunice, married Thomas Swain, who had also come from Nantucket.[8]

The 1790 Census of Salisbury District, Guilford County, shows Daniel Worth as head of a household with two males over 16 years of age, two males under 16, and four females.[9] On 9 May 1818, Daniel Worth, 79 years of age, deeded a tract of land for "5 pounds current money" to his son, Job Worth.[10] On 12 November 1821 William Worth sold to Jesse Ozborn for $450 "a parcel of land on which Daniel Worth now resides."[11]

No probate records have been found for Daniel and Eunice Worth. Although some of their children moved on to Ohio and Indiana with many of their neighbors, others remained in North Carolina. One grandson, Jonathan Worth, served as governor of North Carolina from 1865 to 1868.[12]

Children (**Worth**), first four born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., last six born in Guilford County, N.C.:[12]

i. **Job**[6], born 11 July 1765.
ii. **Stephen**, born 15 November 1766, died in Guilford 15 March 1782.
iii. **Elihu**, born 27 November 1768, died in Guilford 8 August 1771.
iv. **Zeno**, born 6 July 1770.
v. **Lydia**, born 5 July 1772.
vi. **Sarah**, born 19 June 1774, died 19 June 1785.
vii. **David**, born 19 May 1776.
viii. **Rachel**, born 4 August 1778.
ix. **Joseph**, born 27 April 1781.
x. **Stephen**, born 26 October 1785.

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[An account of this family was published in *NGSQ* 76:281.]

465. **William Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 4th 1 mo. 1741,[1] the son of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. He died "abroad" in 1792.[2]

William Worth married on Nantucket (intentions) 29 January 1763 **Ruth Folger**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 31 January 1742/3,[4] the daughter of Peter and Christian (Swain) Folger. Ruth died in Sherborn, Nantucket, 21 December 1828, called "widow of Captain William Worth, aged 86 years."[5]

William Worth of Sherborn was called "cooper" in a deed dated 1763, and "mariner" in two deeds dated 1786. Two other William Worths lived on Nantucket when our William[5] lived there. One of them, William[3] Worth (*John*[2], *William*[1]) died in 1780 and was called "yeoman" in deeds dated 1771 and 1772. Another was William[5] Worth (*Matthew*[4], *William*[3], *John*[2], *William*[1]) who was born in 1770 and was called "blacksmith" in deeds dated 1791 and 1806. The identity of our William Worth, son of Joseph[3] Worth (*John*[2], *William*[1]) is proved by a deed dated 25 February 1763, recorded the same day, in which our William Worth of Sherborn, cooper, for £43 paid by his brother, Joseph Worth, sold a piece of land bounded on the west by land which had belonged to their brother, Nathaniel Worth.[6] On 9 March 1784, recorded 17 September 1784, William Worth sold to Josiah Sampson a piece of land in Wesco, a section of Sherborn, called "second fish lot."[7] On 6 November 1786, William Worth, mariner, bought from John Woodbury and his wife, Abigail, both of Nantucket, a dwelling house that had formerly belonged to their mother, Jerusha Mathews, deceased. Two days later, William Worth, mariner, sold his dwelling house to Oliver Spenser for £135. He had purchased this house from Jonathan Burnell and Lydia Heath. It included a right in a house heretofore claimed by Abigail Woodbury by virtue of her mother's will, which he had purchased a few days before. This deed was also signed by Ruth, his wife, which clearly shows that this William Worth, mariner, the husband of Ruth Folger, was the same William Worth, mariner, son of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth, who was mentioned in the previous deeds.[8]

One William Worth, probably this man, was listed in the 1790 census of Sherborn, Nantucket, as head of a household containing one male over sixteen, one male under sixteen and three females.[9]

No probate records have been found in Nantucket County for either William or Ruth Worth.

Children (**Worth**), born in Sherborn, Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[10]

i. **Anna**[6], born 29 August 1767.
ii. **Sarah**, born 4 August 1770.
iii. **Frederick**, born 23 July 1784.

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[An account of this family was published in *NGSQ* 76:282.]

466. **Shubael Worth**[5] (*Lydia Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 6th 5 mo. 1745,[1] the son of Joseph and Lydia (Gorham) Worth. He died in Hudson, Columbia County, N.Y., 17 October 1824.[2]

Shubael Worth married on Nantucket (intentions) 14 January 1769 **Bethiah Jenkins**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 25 February 1749,[4] the daughter of Thomas and Judith (Folger) Jenkins. Bethiah probably died in Hudson, N.Y., 22 July 1815.[5]

Shubael Worth was one of the proprietors of Hudson who signed its articles of agreement when it was established as a town. He was a merchant there in 1785 and, in the same year, he was granted land on the Hudson River, below the high-water mark, opposite land he had purchased previously. In 1786 he was appointed as gauger. In 1787 he was taxed on an assessment of £225.[6] He was the librarian of the Columbia Library Association in Hudson for many years.[7]

In a deed dated 30 November 1796, Shubael Worth of Hudson, Columbia County, N.Y., sold some property to Ebenezer Comstock and Thomas Comstock, Jr. This was signed by Shubael and Bethiah Worth and witnessed by Fred Jenkins and Charles Jenkins, Jr. It was recorded 14 April 1802 and was acknowledged separately by Bethiah Worth.[8] This proves that Shubael Worth did not marry in 1775, as his second wife, Anna Gardner, as has been stated.

The 1800 census for Hudson, N.Y., shows Shubael Worth, over 45 years of age, with one white female over 45 years, two females aged 10 to 16 years, and one female under 10 years of age. When the 1810 census was taken, a married daughter and her family were apparently living with Shubael and his wife.[9]

In his will dated 3 June 1820, probated 13 June 1825, Shubael Worth mentioned his three daughters, Bethiah, widow of John H. Dayton, Sally, wife of Gilbert Jenkins, and Caroline, wife of Daniel Coffin. He appointed Hezekiah Dayton and John Dayton, and his sons-in-law, Gilbert Jenkins and Daniel Coffin, as his executors. Witnesses were William I. Free, Solomon Shattuck and Thomas Coburn. In his first codicil, dated 3 June 1820, the witnesses were Daniel Hyatt, William I. Free and Solo-

mon Shattuck. In his second codicil, dated 7 July 1820, John W. Edmonds, called "kinsman," was appointed as one of the executors.[10]

Known children (**Worth**), probably born in Hudson, N.Y., all mentioned in their father's will, with dates deduced from census records:[11]

i. **Carolina**[6], born about 1784.
ii. **Bethiah**, born about 1787.
iii. **Sally**, born about 1791.

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[An account of this family was published in *NGSQ* 76:282-83.]

467. **David Manning**[5] (*Hannah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Sherborn, on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., about 1727,[1] the son of William and Hannah (Gorham) Manning. He died at sea in 1755.[2]

David Manning married on Nantucket 27 August 1748 **Elizabeth Ellis**,[3] who was born on Nantucket in December 1723,[4] the daughter of Ebenezer and Charity (Swain) Ellis. Elizabeth married second, (intentions) 25 November 1755 Benjamin Clark by whom she had Phebe, Charity, Freelove and Nathaniel Clark,[5] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Elizabeth died after 14 October 1768, the date of birth of her last child.[6]

David Manning was a mariner and a cordwainer. On 22 March 1755, called cordwainer, David sold to George Brown of Sherborn, sail maker, land in Sherborn near the dwelling-house of his step-father, William Stubbs. It was witnessed by Jeremiah Folger and Christopher Bunker.[7]

On 20 January 1751 (*sic*), David Manning, cordwainer, gave a promissory note for "twenty six Dollars and two-thirds of a Dollar," to his brother-in-law and sister, Matthew Mayhew of Sherborn and Phebe, his wife, "for all manner of claim . . . unto the estate of our father, William Manning, divided to us by our Father-in-law [step-father] William Stubbs, in the lifetime of our mother, Hannah Stubbs, and all one-third part of that small tract of land about sd dwelling house of our sd Father Manning." Matthew and Phebe made their marks, witnessed by Richard Beard and William Stubbs. The note was recorded 27 February 1758, three years after David Manning was lost at sea in 1755, and before his widow, Elizabeth, had married Benjamin Clark.[8]

Child (**Manning**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[9]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 10 March 1753.

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1. Nantucket Co. Prob. Book A 1:172, 174-75, 177 (William Manning); Banks, *Hist. of Martha's Vineyard* 3:316. 2. *Nantucket VR* 5:437. 3. Ibid. 3:410. 4. Ibid. 1:433; *Gens. of Mayflower Fams.* 1:630. 5. *Nantucket VR* 3:219; *Gens. of Mayflower Fams.* 1:705. 6. *Nantucket VR* 1:224. 7. Nantucket Deeds 5:302 [FHL #906233]. 8. Ibid. 6:65 [FHL #906233]. 9. *Nantucket VR* 2:310; 5:439.

468. **Phebe Manning**[5] (*Hannah Gorham[4], Shubael[3], Desire[2] Howland, John[1]*) was born in Sherborn, on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 16 July 1729,[1] the daughter of William and Hannah (Gorham) Manning. She died in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., "aged 70" [*sic* - she would have been 59 years of age, in her 60th year], and was buried there 25 November 1788.[2]

Phebe Manning married on Nantucket 27 July 1746 **Matthew Mayhew**,[3] who was probably born on Martha's Vineyard 6 July 1723,[4] the son of Micajah Mayhew of Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard. Matthew Mayhew died in Edgartown 10 October 1799.[5]

Phebe's husband, Matthew Mayhew, was a boat builder. This family lived in Sherborn, on Nantucket, until 1762 when they moved to Edgartown. All of their children were baptized in Edgartown. Matthew was called "Gentleman" in court records there.[6]

In a promissory note made by Phebe's brother, David Manning, dated 20 January 1751 (*sic*), recorded 27 February 1758, Phebe Mayhew was identified as the wife of Matthew Mayhew and the daughter of William Manning, the first husband of her mother, Hannah, and the step-daughter of William Stubbs, her mother's second husband. The property of their father, William Manning, was divided to them by their step-father, William Stubbs, during the lifetime of their mother, Hannah Stubbs, who had died 16 August 1751.[7]

No probate records have been found for either Matthew or Phebe Mayhew, but on 12 August 1786, Matthew was called "Gentleman" when he sold land in Edgartown to his son, William Mayhew, mariner, which was paid by a note due 10 August 1794.[8] On 12 August 1786, Matthew Mayhew sold his pew in the meeting house in Edgartown for £12 current lawful money, to [his son] William Mayhew, mariner, witnessed by Thomas Mayhew and Anna Pease.[9] On 10 January 1787 Matthew Mayhew sold to William Mayhew, boat builder, land in Edgartown near the harbor. Witnesses were Peter Waldron and Thomas Cooke.[10] On 16 June 1795 Matthew Mayhew deeded the land and beach and water lot in Edgartown lying between land owned by John Allen, Esq., of Chilmark, and the land

of Elijah Dunham, to his son, William Mayhew, trader, "whereon he now dwells." It was witnessed by William Jernigan and Damaris Marchant, and acknowledged 17 June 1795.[11]

Children (**Mayhew**), first nine born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., all baptized in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.:[12]

i. **Susannah**[6], born 24 March 1747, bapt. 22 August 1762.
ii. **William**, born 30 October 1748, bapt. 22 August 1762.
iii. **Sarah**, born 7 October 1750, bapt. 22 August 1762.
iv. **Phebe**, born 8 August 1752 (twin), bapt. 22 August 1762, buried 1 October 1773, aged 21 years.
v. **Rebecca**, born 8 August 1752 (twin), died before 1762.
vi. **Jonathan**, born 13 October 1754, died young.
vii. **Mary**, born 3 May 1756, bapt. 22 August 1762.
viii. **Thomas**, born 16 January 1759, died young.
ix. **Anna**, born 20 March 1761, bapt. 22 August 1762.
x. **Puella**, born 15 December 1763, bapt. 8 April 1764.
xi. **Matthew**, born 12 February 1766, bapt. 8 June 1766.
xii. **Thomas**, born 1 January 1769, bapt. in May 1769.
xiii. **Elizabeth**, born in February 1771, bapt. in May 1771.

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469. **Rebecca Stubbs**[5] (*Hannah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Sherborn, on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 25th 11 mo. 1736,[1] the daughter of William and Hannah (Gorham) Stubbs. She died on Nantucket 21 December 1818, at 82 years of age.[2]

Rebecca Stubbs married on Nantucket 20 January 1758 **Prince Hayden**,[3] who was born on the Isle of Wight 3 October 1732.[4] His parents have not been identified. Prince Hayden died in the West Indies 12 December 1778.[5]

No probate records have been found for either Prince or Rebecca Hayden even though the births and marriages of their children were recorded on Nantucket, and they had many descendants who lived there.

Children (**Hayden**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[6]

i. **Abishai**[6], born 15 September 1758.
ii. **Phebe**, born 31 August 1764.
iii. **Rebecca**, born 14 December 1767.
iv. **Mary**, born 10 October 1770.
v. **Hannah**, born 23 July 1776.
vi. **Sally**, born 23 July 1776.
vii. **Prince Gorham**, born 23 February 1777.

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470. **Ann Stubbs**[5] (*Hannah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Sherborn, on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., about 1740,[1] the daughter of William and Hannah (Gorham) Stubbs. She died in Boston, Mass., in 1785.[2]

Ann/Anna Stubbs married in Hull, Mass., as his second wife, 3 December 1761 **Elijah Pope** of Boston, Mass.,[3] who was born in Dorchester, Mass., 1 April 1711,[4] the son of Ralph and Rachel (Neale) Pope. Elijah was a brother of Dr. Ralph Pope who had married Anne's aunt, Rebecca Stubbs of Hull. Elijah Pope had married first, in Boston, 7 October 1730, Jemima Vose of Milton, who died 24 March 1760, after having had ten children named Elijah, Jr., Chloe, John who died young, Lemuel, Salome, Jerusha, Jemima, Hannah, Mary and Rachel Pope,[5] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Elijah Pope died in Boston 4 October 1777.[6]

Elijah Pope's father, Ralph Pope, in his will dated 4 October 1744 and probated 26 March 1745, gave Elijah and his brother, Ebenezer, property in Dorchester called Squantum Farm, and land in Braintree and Milton.[7] At the beginning of the Revolution, Elijah and his son by his first wife, Elijah, Jr., were among the Minute Men who gathered in Dorchester, 19 April 1775, to fight for the Patriot cause. When Elijah, Sr., died in 1777 his second wife, Anna, and his son, Elijah, Jr., administered his estate. In the division of the estate, one-third was given to the widow, Anna, a double portion of the remainder was given to the eldest son by his first wife, Elijah, Jr., and equal shares were divided among Elijah's children by both of his wives, John, Chloe, Salome, Jerusha, Jemima, Hannah, Mary, Anna, Rachel and Lemuel, or their legal representatives.[8]

Ann/Anna Pope's father, William Stubbs, was over ninety years of age when he died intestate in Boston before 3 June 1786. The inventory of

his estate was taken by David Spear, the step-son of Ann's uncle, Richard Stubbs, who was the administrator and chief creditor of the estate.[9]

Widow Ann Pope died in Boston in December 1785, and her spinster daughter, Anna Pope of Boston, was named as administratrix of her mother's estate, 21 February 1786. Samuel Belcher, the husband of a daughter of Elijah Pope's brother, Ebenezer Pope, bought the rights of Elijah, Sr.'s, children by both wives, in their father's estate, and therefore Anna's widow's portion was set off to Samuel Belcher.[10] This settled the ownership of Squantum farm in Dorchester which Elijah Pope and his brother, Ebenezer Pope, had inherited jointly from their father, Ralph Pope, with Ebenezer and his heirs having the right to pass and repass through certain areas of Elijah's property.

Children (**Pope**), born in Dorchester, Mass., last three baptized in the First Church of Dorchester:[11]

i. **John**^{6}, born 22 July 1762.
ii. **Ann**, born 7 December 1763, bapt. 7 October 1764.
iii. **Sherebiah**, (son), born 11 July 1765, bapt. 18 August 1765, died 5 September 1765.
iv. **Rachel**, born 8 July 1768, bapt. 24 July 1768.

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471. **Peleg Coffin**^{5} (*Theodate Gorham*^{4}, *Shubael*^{3}, *Desire*^{2} *Howland, John*^{1}) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 8 November 1728,[1] the son of Francis and Theodate (Gorham) Coffin. He died at sea 3 December 1756.[2]

Peleg Coffin married on Nantucket 6 April 1749 **Elizabeth Hussey**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 10 July 1731,[4] the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Starbuck) Hussey. Elizabeth married second, as his second wife, 17 November 1763 Josiah Barker,[5] who was born on Nantucket 17 July 1728,[6] the son of Samuel and Bethiah (Folger) Barker. Josiah Barker's first wife was Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of Richard and Mary Mitchell.[7] Elizabeth had three more children by Josiah Barker, none of them descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Elizabeth died on Nantucket 13 June 1805.[8]

No probate records were found for Peleg Coffin. However, Elizabeth's second husband, Josiah Barker, in his will dated 22 August 1800, gave her the use of all of his property during her life. He mentioned his own children, including his daughter, Eunice, who had married Elizabeth's son, Peleg Coffin. His wife, Elizabeth, was appointed as executrix. Witnesses were William Folger, Tristram Hussey and Albert Gardner.[9]

Children (**Coffin**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[10]

i. **Matilda**[6], born 4 December 1750, died 4 September 1752.
ii. **Francis**, born 28 October 1752.
iii. **Jared**, born 29 March 1754.
iv. **Peleg**, born 3 November 1756.

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472. **William Coffin**[5] (*Theodate Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 5 August 1730,[1] the son of Francis and Theodate (Gorham) Coffin. He died at sea 3 December 1756.[2]

William Coffin married on Nantucket 28 February 1754 **Jedidah Folger**,[3] who was born on Nantucket about 1735,[4] the daughter of Jehu and Rebecca (Baker) Folger. Jedidah married second, 21 September 1758 Simeon Coffin,[5] son of Nathaniel and Lydia (Bunker) Coffin. Jedidah died on Nantucket 8 September 1797.[6]

On 23 September 1757 George Hussey promised to pay to William Coffin 155 2/9ths Spanish milled dollars, for the following reason: A house in Sherborn belonging to the brothers, William and Peleg Coffin, was in poor repair and too costly to keep up, so Elizabeth, wife of Peleg Coffin, and Jedidah, wife of William Coffin, ordered the house to be torn down. Jedidah Coffin sold the bricks and mortar to George Hussey for 77 7/9th Spanish milled dollars. Therefore, George Hussey was to pay this amount to William Coffin before 16 December 1757, "or to William Coffin the son of the above, and in case that there be neither Father or Son surviving that day, then to the said Jedidah Coffin."[7]

The manner in which the bond was written on 23 September 1757, implies that the deaths of the brothers, Peleg and William Coffin, had not yet been established, but it is clear that the two wives did not expect to see their husbands again. At the time the house was torn down, the son, William, was under one year of age and might not have lived. This in-

strument confirms that the Coffin brothers died early in 1757, after the conception of their youngest children in February and March 1756.

Children (**Coffin**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[8]

i. **Rebecca**[6], born about 1755, died young.
ii. **William**, born 16 December 1756.

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473. **Judith Coffin**[5] (*Theodate Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 13 August 1732,[1] the daughter of Francis and Theodate (Gorham) Coffin. She died in Sherborn, Nantucket 29 March 1821.[2]

Judith Coffin married on Nantucket 6 December 1750 **Nathaniel Hussey**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 2 November 1730 or 1931,[4] the son of Silvanus and Hepzibah (Starbuck) Hussey. Nathaniel Hussey died in Sherborn, 12 June 1769.[5]

In his will dated 1 April 1769, probated 7 July 1769, Nathaniel Hussey, late of Sherborn, cooper, gave one-third of all of his estate to his beloved wife, Judith Hussey, for her natural life. He divided his real estate equally among his five sons, Francis, David, Peleg, Abraham and Nathaniel Hussey. He gave each of his two daughters, Phebe and Rachel, money equal to the value of his son's shares of real estate. If his wife, "in a state of pregnancy have a son born, his estate shall equal my sons; if a daughter, it shall be equal to my two daughters." His wife was to have the use of the whole estate until his sons reached the age of 21 years and the daughters reached the age of 18 years. Nathaniel Hussey appointed his wife and his eldest son, Francis Hussey, as joint executors, even though Francis was not yet of legal age.[6]

Children (**Hussey**), born in Sherborn, Nantucket, Mass.:[7]

i. **Judith**[6], born 29 August 1752, died in 1752.
ii. **Francis**, born 31 March 1754, died 22 July 1777.
iii. **Libbeus**, born 10 November 1755, died in 1755.
iv. **David**, born 22 February 1757.
v. **Phebe**, born 2 September 1758.
vi. **Rachel**, born 28 October 1760.
vii. **Peleg**, born 28 December 1762.
viii. **Abraham**, born 28 June 1765.
ix. **Nathaniel**, born 10 January 1767.

x. **Alexander**, born 15 November 1769, posthumously.

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474. **Reuben Gardner**[5] (*Theodate Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 10 August 1736,[1] the son of Reuben and Theodate (Gorham) (Coffin) Gardner. He was lost in the English Channel 5 November 1778.[2]

Reuben Gardner married on Nantucket 23 June 1762 **Elizabeth Vail** of Long Island, N.Y.,[3] who was born in Southold, Long Island, N.Y., 10 August 1745,[4] the daughter of Capt. John and Abigail Vail. Elizabeth died on Nantucket 18 March 1826, at the age of 80 years 8 months.[5]

Reuben was a sea captain who died before his father. According to *Nantucket Lands and Land Owners*, in 1778 his minor children were Winifred, over 14, and Reuben and Sarah, both under 14 years of age. Their mother, Elizabeth, was appointed as their guardian.[6]

Reuben's father, Reuben Gardner, Sr., in his will dated 13 October 1783, probated 7 January 1785, named his five granddaughters, (son Reuben's daughters), as Naomi, Elizabeth, Winifred, Phebe and Sarah.[7] On 28 August 1793, Elizabeth Gardner, with four of her daughters, purchased from her daughter-in-law, Abigail Gardner, widow of her son, Reuben Gardner, (Jr.), all of Abigail's rights in the estate of her husband, Reuben Gardner, (Jr.). The price was £27 and the 718 livres owed to Reuben, Jr., "in old France."[8] Reuben was apparently in the whaling business, sailing out of the port of Dunkirk, France, where many other sea captains from Nantucket had settled.

On 30 June 1794, Elizabeth Gardner and her four daughters sold their interest in a warehouse on Straight Wharf water lots to James Barker and Isaac Coffin for £27-10s each.[9] On 4 June 1799, Elizabeth Gardner received as a gift from her daughter, Naomi Gardner, widow of Aaron Gardner, for her natural life, the dwelling house where they dwelt "which came to Naomi by will of her grandfather, Reuben Gardner."[10] On 24 September 1805, Elizabeth Gardner and her four daughters sold to John Folger, "the second," for $358, one-half of an undivided tract of land derived from their kinsman, Obed Gardner.[11] In 1817, Elizabeth Gardner and her four daughters sold to Silvanus Russell, Jr., for $30 their right in an undivided piece of land, five or six acres, that had belonged to Reuben Gardner, deceased.[12] On 24 September 1805, Elizabeth Gardner, widow of Reuben Gardner, with Samuel Bigelow and Naomi, his wife, Seth Folger, mariner, and Elizabeth, his wife, and Winifred Tupper, widow of

Benjamin Tupper, deceased, all of Nantucket, and Samuel Wheelwright, trader and Sarah his wife, of Boston, Suffolk County, for $358 paid by John Folger, 2nd, sold land called "Crooked R——d," derived from their kinsman, Obed Gardner.[13] In 1817, Elizabeth Gardner, Samuel Bigelow and Naomi, his wife, Samuel Cary and Winifred, his wife, and Elizabeth Folger, all of Nantucket, and Samuel Wainwright and Sarah, his wife, of Boston, Suffolk County, for $30 paid by Silvanus Russell, Jr., merchant, sold five or six acres of land that had belonged to Reuben Gardner, deceased.[14]

Children **Gardner**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[15]

i. **Naomi**[6], born 23 July 1764.
ii. **Reuben**, born 5 July 1766.
iii. **Elizabeth**, born 21 September 1768.
iv. **Winifred**, born 24 January 1771.
v. Daughter, born 17 March 1772, died young.
vi. **Alfred**, born 2 September 1774, died young.
vii. **Phebe**, born 27 September 1776, died 12 February 1784.
viii. **Sally/Sarah**, born 10 September 1778.

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475. **Thaddeus Gardner**[5] (*Theodate Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 22d 6 mo. 1739,[1] the son of Reuben and Theodate (Gorham) (Coffin) Gardner. He died at sea in 1767.[2]

Thaddeus Gardner married on Nantucket 28th 1 mo. 1762 **Susannah Hussey**,[3] who was born on Nantucket, the daughter of Christopher and Mary (Coffin) Hussey.[4] Susannah married second, 6th 12 mo. 1770, as his third wife, Christopher Folger. Susannah died in Sherborn, Nantucket, 13 April 1799.[5]

Thaddeus Gardner of Sherborn, mariner, died at sea, intestate. On 27 November 1770, Reuben Gardner of Sherborn, blacksmith, was appointed administrator of the estate, with an accounting to be turned in before 10 June 1771. The first valuation was £78-19-9 old tenor, or £13-4-0 in "lawful money." A second inventory amounted to £405-18-4 old tenor, or £54-8-5 "lawful money."[6]

Thaddeus Gardner's father, in his will dated 13 October 1783, mentioned Thaddeus's son, Thaddeus, and his three daughters, who were not named.[7] No guardianship records have been found in Nantucket County for these children.

Children (**Gardner**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[7]

i. **Sarah/Sally**[6], born 25th 8 mo. 1762.
ii. **Margaret/Peggy**, born 1st 3 mo. 1764.
iii. **Thaddeus**, born 30th 1 mo. 1766.
iv. **Susannah**, born 25th 1 mo. 1767.

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476. **Shubael Gardner**[5] (*Theodate Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 7th 1 mo. 1742,[1] the son of Reuben and Theodate (Gorham) (Coffin) Gardner. He died near the English coast in April 1791.[2]

Shubael Gardner married on Nantucket 4th 2 mo. 1762 **Judith Barker**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 24 February 1745,[4] the daughter of Robert and Jedidah (Chase) Barker. Judith died on Nantucket 20 January 1822.[5]

Shubael Gardiner was a sea captain.[6] His father, Reuben Gardner, in his will dated 13 October 1783, gave half of his warehouse to his son, Shubael, "if he should come home again," and called Shubael's daughter, "granddaughter Lydia Gardner."[7]

Judith Gardner of Nantucket, widow, in her will dated 17 December 1821, probated 7 February 1822, mentioned her sisters, Margaret Jenkins and Lydia Swain, to whom she gave her wearing apparel and all of her tablespoons that were left after having given one to each of the heirs of Jedidah Lawrence, named as James Lawrence, Frances Lawrence and Mary Lawrence. To her son-in-law, Thomas Pitman, she gave $100 in gold and silver. She mentioned her brother, James Barker, and her niece, Sarah Barker, daughter of Francis Barker, deceased, who was given one-half dozen chairs. Jedidah Lawrence was given one silver milk pot. Her sister-in-law, Deborah Barker, received one silver porringer. Her son, Jared Gardner, was given the residue of her estate, "both real and personal." Her brother, James Barker, was named sole executor. Witnesses were Jedidah Macy, Lucy Swain and Isaac Barker. The inventory amounting to $1492.23, was taken by Barnabas Swain, Peleg Mitchell and Prince Gardner.[8]

Children (**Gardner**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[9]

i. **Jared**[6], born 27th 10 mo. 1768.

ii. **Lydia**, married **Thomas Pitman** of England.

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477. **Naomi Gardner**[5] (*Theodate Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 29th 8 mo. 1746,[1] the daughter of Reuben and Theodate (Gorham) (Coffin) Gardner. She died on Nantucket, 16th 11 mo. 1827.[2]

Naomi Gardner married on Nantucket 5th 1 mo. 1764 **Francis Chase**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 10 September 1738,[4] the son of Joseph and Miriam (Coffin) Chase. Francis Chase died on Nantucket 21 September 1802.[5]

Naomi's father, Reuben Gardner, in his will dated 13 October 1783, called her "daughter Naomi Chase."[6]

Naomi Chase, widow, in her will dated 5 June 1827, probated 6 December 1827, gave the south front room of her dwelling house to her daughter, Lydia Hussey. To her daughter, Naomi Hussey, she gave land on Academy Hill. She mentioned her grandson, Obed Chase, and her children, Elizabeth Gardner, Miriam Coffin, Judith Swain, Francis Chase, Paul Chase, Eunice Swain, and the children of her deceased daughter, Phebe Mitchell. Joint executors were her son, Francis Chase, and her son-in-law, Alexander Swain. Witnesses were G. G. Folger, Thomas Marshall and Edward Sanford. In a codicil, Naomi gave her daughter, Elizabeth Gardner, the north front room of her house, and she gave her daughter, Judith Swain, some land on "hilly street." Daughter Eunice Swain had received a deed of sale for her Bake House land, "which I consider sufficient, which deed I do now confirm." Witnesses were Peleg S. Folger, Charles A. Worth and Edward Sanford. The appraisal of the estate, dated 3 March 1828, totaled $1828.23½. On 19 February 1829, the real estate of Naomi Chase, widow of Francis Chase, was set off to her daughter, Elizabeth Gardner, to her son-in-law, George Mitchell who was the guardian of her grandchildren, the children of her daughter, Phebe Mitchell, deceased, to her daughters, Miriam Coffin and Judith Swain, and to her sons, Francis Chase and Paul Chase.[7]

Children (**Chase**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[8]

i. **Lydia**[6], born 4th 11 mo. 1764.

ii. **Elizabeth**, born 22d 5 mo. 1766.
iii. **Naomi**, born 23d 3 mo. 1769.
iv. **Miriam**, born 15th 9 mo. 1771.
v. **David**, born 2d 12 mo. 1773, died 23 March 1787.
vi. **Judith**, 9th 1 mo. 1776.
vii. **Obed**, born 19th 12 mo. 1778.
viii. **Francis**, born 19th 10 mo. 1781.
ix. **Paul**, born 19th 6 mo. 1784.
x. **Eunice**, born 4th 3 mo. 1787.
xi. **Phebe**, born 16th 8 mo. 1789.

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478. **Jonathan Bunker**[5] (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 2 April 1729,[1] the son of Zachariah and Desire (Gorham) Bunker. He was buried on Nantucket 1 January 1779.[2]

Jonathan Bunker married on Nantucket 13 April 1754 **Jerusha Pease**,[3] who was born about 1737,[4] the daughter of Malatiah and Hannah (Jenkins) Pease. Jerusha married second, in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., as his second wife, 6 June 1782 **Brotherton Daggett**[6],[5] who was baptized in Edgartown 7 February 1725, the son of Brotherton Daggett and his wife, Thankful (Daggett[5]) Butler (*Elizabeth Hawes*[4], *Desire Gorham*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Jerusha died in Edgartown 23 October 1783, as the widow of Brotherton Daggett.[6] Brotherton Daggett was also a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. [See #91:iii, page 162.]

Jonathan Bunker was a mariner. He was on the "Alarm List" in Edgartown in 1757.[8] In October 1769 he and his father-in-law, Malatiah Pease, were sued for debt by Samuel Cobb in Martha's Vineyard.[9]

Jonathan Bunker died intestate. Before his estate was settled, his widow, Jerusha, married second, Brotherton Daggett, who died before 27 May 1783, the date his will was probated. In his will dated 25 April 1783, Brotherton Daggett, gentleman, of Edgartown, Esq., gave his beloved wife, Jerusha, one case of high drawers, one bed and furniture, and all of her wearing apparel, in addition to her thirds or dower. He mentioned his children by his first wife, Mary Tucker, whom he named as Sally, wife of Benjamin Davis, Thankful, Jethro, Sarah, Susannah, Timothy and Isaac

Daggett, the last three being minors. Brotherton's brother, Thomas Daggett, and Benjamin Smith were appointed as executors. Brotherton's inventory amounted to £813-0-0. On 10 October 1783, Jerusha Daggett, widow of Brotherton Daggett, deceased, petitioned the court, saying that she "for a long time hath been confined to a sick bed . . . greatly in want of necessities for the upholding of life . . . Wherefore your petitioner humbly prayeth that you would order some way that I may be supplied." The judge directed Benjamin Smith "to supply the petitioner with such articles as are necessary for her comfort . . . having regard to take such supplies out of the estate of the said deceased as can be parted with."[10]

Jerusha died 23 October 1783. On 24 January 1784, Beriah Norton, Esq., of Edgartown was appointed administrator of the estate of Jerusha's first husband, Jonathan Bunker, which still had not been settled five years after Jonathan had died, and several months after both Jerusha and her second husband, Brotherton Daggett, had died. On the same day, John Pease, Marshall Jenkins and William Mayhew, all of Edgartown, were appointed to make an inventory of the estate of Jonathan Bunker, "late of Edgartown, mariner, deceased." On 31 January 1784, the inventory was filed which consisted of the lower part of a dwelling house, kitchen, chamber, garret, and cellar, and half of a quarter acre of land adjoining it, and Pew No. 72 in the meeting house, totaling £70-18-0.[11]

Note: *Nantucket VR* 3:145 is in error in stating that Jonathan Bunker. "son of Zachariah and Desire (Gorham) Bunker, married Experience Studley." Jerusha (Pease) Bunker, wife of Jonathan Bunker, outlived her husband. Any other marriage would have had to have taken place before 13 April 1754, the date they were married. Since Experience Studley was born 8 April 1744, she would have been ten years old at that time. Therefore the Experience Studley who married Jonathan Bunker's brother, Simeon Bunker, 28 October 1783, could not previously have married Jonathan Bunker.

Children (**Bunker**), born in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.:[12]

i. **Hannah**[6], born about 1755.
ii. **Richard**, born in 1759.
iii. **Isaac**, born about 1761, died 17 January 1782, in a shipwreck at Gay Head.[13]
iv. **Robert**, died young.
v. **Aaron**, died young.

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479. **Shubael Bunker**[5] (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 9 August 1731,[1] the son of Zachariah and Desire (Gorham) Bunker. He died in Columbia Co., N.Y., after 1790.[2]

Shubael Bunker married on Nantucket 7 February 1750 **Lydia Paddock**[6],[3] who was born on Nantucket 18 February 1732,[4] the daughter of Daniel Paddock and his wife, Susannah Gorham[5] (*Stephen Gorham*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). [See #255:iii, page 342.] Lydia died in Hudson, N.Y., 29 November 1784.[5]

Shubael Gorham was a master mariner. On 7 December 1759, he bought for £29-6-8 from his widowed mother, Desire Bunker, the administratrix of the estate of her late husband, Zachariah Bunker, gentleman, deceased, one-half of the dwelling house formerly owned by his father, containing a great room, a great chamber and garret over it, "with half of the land that the house stands upon," and one-eighth part of the well and one-quarter of a fish house.[6] On 30 September 1769, Shubael sold to Richard Coffin of Sherborn, mariner, parcels of land that included "all title and interest which I have upon the Island of Nantucket which descended to me from my Grandfather Jonathan Bunker, deceased."[7]

Shubael and Lydia Bunker moved from Nantucket to Columbia County, N.Y., 27 March 1780, taking with them their younger children, Gilbert, Noami, Nathan and Abiel.[8] On 11 July 1787, Shubael Bunker of Hudson, N.Y., gave his power of attorney to Christopher Hussey of Nantucket, to dispose of property in Sherborn occupied by James Chase. On 28 September 1787, the property "formerly owned by Zachariah Bunker, deceased, and sold by his widow, Desire Bunker, to her son, Shubael Bunker, as appears in a deed of record in the sixth book of records, page 183 and 184," was sold to William Coffin of Sherborn, barber, and recorded 4 November 1787.[9]

No probate records were found in Colombia County, N.Y., for Shubael Bunker.

Children (**Bunker**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[10]

i. Child [6-7], born 23 March 1753.
ii. **Shubael**, born 6 February 1754.
iii. **Puella**, born 7 May 1756.

iv. **Francis**, born 31 July 1758.
v. **Gilbert**, born 17 November 1762.
vi. **Naomi**, born 17 June 1766.
vii. **Nathan**, born 8 November 1768.
viii. **Abiel**, born 29 September 1771.

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480. **James Bunker**[5] (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 21 August 1733,[1] the son of Zachariah and Desire (Gorham) Bunker. He was lost at sea near Nova Scotia in 1768.[2]

James Bunker "of Sherborn in the County of Nantucket" married in Plymouth, Mass., 26 January 1757 **Hannah Shurtleff** "of Plymouth,"[3] who was born in Plymouth 11 January 1739/40,[4] the daughter of James and Faith (Jackson) Shurtleff. Hannah married second, in Barrington, Nova Scotia, in 1769 Thomas Smith of Chatham, Mass., and had eight more children named Thomas, Hannah, Faith, John, Susannah, Mary and Elizabeth, twins, and Rhoda Smith, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland but were descended from *Mayflower* passenger Stephen Hopkins through their father, Thomas Smith, who had been born in Chatham, Mass. Hannah died in Litchfield, Maine, 15 November 1821.[6]

James Bunker was a mariner. He was a grantee at Barrington, Nova Scotia, settling there in 1763. He held the office of Proprietor's Clerk in 1766. James was lost at sea in 1768. In 1771 the administration of his intestate estate was given to his widow, Mrs. Hannah Bunker. The appraisers were Jonathan Pinkham, John Coffin and Solomon Kendrick.[7]

Some of James Bunker's children moved to Pownalboro, Me., in 1774, with their mother and her second husband, Thomas Smith, and then settled in Litchfield, Me., in 1779. Thomas Smith was considered a rebel in Nova Scotia but in Maine he was called a tory.

One of James Bunker's sons, Eber Bunker, went to England instead of siding with the Patriots in the Revolutionary War. He was a sea captain who hunted for whales in the South Pacific. He brought the first whale oil to England from Australia, taking convicts to Australia on the return voyage around 1790. His home, "Collingwood," near Melbourne, Australia, has been restored as a national monument.[8]

Children (**Bunker**), first two born in Plymouth, Mass., rest born in Sherborn, Island of Nantucket, Mass., and in Barrington, Nova Scotia:[9]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 26 September 1758.
ii. **Eber**, born 7 March 1761.
iii. **Zachariah**, born 29 March 1763; lost at sea.
iv. **Lydia**, born 23 March 1765.
v. **James**, born 23 October 1767.

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481. **Simeon Bunker**[5] (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 21 March 1736,[1] the son of Zachariah and Desire (Gorham) Bunker. He died after 1790, when he was listed in Sherborn, Nantucket, in the census.[2]

Simeon Bunker married first, on Nantucket 27 January 1766 Mary **Swain**,[3] who was born on Nantucket, no date given,[4] the daughter of Elijah and Susannah (Cathcart) Swain. She died on Nantucket before 1783.[5]

Simeon Bunker married second, on Nantucket 28 October 1783 **Experience Studley**,[6] who was born 8 April 1744,[7] but whose parents have not been identified. Experience died in Maine 30 May 1828.[8]

Simeon Bunker was a mariner. He went to Barrington, Nova Scotia, with his brother, James, in 1763, where they were listed among the proprietors of the Township of Barrington, Nova Scotia.[9] On 21 April 1769 Simeon Bunker of Barrington, N.S., mariner, sold a tract of land in Sherborn to Richard Coffin of Nantucket, mariner.[10] In 1770 he sold his right on Cape Sable Island to Daniel Vinson.[11] By 1790 he had apparently returned to Nantucket and was listed in the census as head of a family in "Sherburn Town," Nantucket, consisting of one male over sixteen, one male under sixteen, and two females.[12]

No probate records were found on Nantucket for Simeon Bunker.

Children (**Bunker**), all by his first wife, Mary Swain, born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[13]

i. **Owen**[6], born about 1767.
ii. **Phebe**, born 23 October 1768.
iii. **Jonathan**, born 14 May 1772.
iv. **Elizabeth**, born in 1774.

v. **Susannah**, born in 1776.
vi. **Gorham**, born 17 May 1780.

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482. **Elizabeth Bunker**[5] (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 18 September 1738,[1] the daughter of Zachariah and Desire (Gorham) Bunker. She probably died on Nantucket before 8 October 1775,[2] the date her third husband remarried.

Elizabeth Bunker married first, on Nantucket 25 July 1756 **Robert Rider**,[3] who died about 1760,[4] the year she married her second husband. Robert Rider's parentage has not been discovered.

Elizabeth married second, before 1761 **James Riddell**,[5] who was born in Ireland,[6] the son of Samuel and Susannah Riddle and/or the brother of Samuel Riddle. Robert Riddle died before 1769, the date of Elizabeth's third marriage.[7]

Elizabeth married third, on Nantucket, as his first wife, 9 November 1769 **Barnabas Briggs** "of Cape Cod",[8] who was baptized in Rochester, Mass., 28 August 1745,[9] the son of Capt. Jedediah and Jedidah (Ellis) Briggs. Barnabas Briggs died after 22 May 1812, the date he sold property in Provincetown, being called "of Boston."[10]

Robert Rider, Elizabeth's first husband, was probably a mariner who was lost at sea. No probate records have been found for him. Elizabeth had no known children from this marriage.

James Riddell, Elizabeth's second husband, was a lumber dealer in Boston before going to Nantucket to live. He, too, is supposed to have died at sea.[11] No probate records have been found for him in Nantucket County.

Barnabas Briggs "of Nantucket and Provincetown," Elizabeth's third husband, was also a mariner. Mrs. Hannibal, in *John Briggs of Sandwich*," calls Elizabeth Bunker "wid. of Robert Rider," but seems not to have been aware of Elizabeth's second marriage to James Riddell. Barnabas Briggs, after the death of his mother, Jedidah (Ellis) Briggs, in Nantucket, 2 August 1796,[12] was called "Barnice" Briggs, mariner, of Rochester, when he sold a salt meadow to Nathan Jinne, which was adjacent to land that

Nathan Jinne had bought from the heirs of John Briggs, 7 September 1798.[13]

After Elizabeth's death, Barnabas Briggs, called "of Nantucket," married second, in Yarmouth, Mass., (intentions) 8 October 1775 Abigail Rider of Yarmouth,[14] who was born 6 December 1749, the daughter of Zachariah and Experience (Smith) Rider.[15] The Briggs family moved to Provincetown, Mass., where Barnabas had two children by Abigail, named Seth, born 24 September 1778, and Mercy, born 3 August 1780, who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland. Abigail died and was buried on Nantucket, 4 May 1783, called "wife of Barnabas."[17] Barnabas Briggs married third, on Nantucket 16 October 1783 Phebe Miller by whom he had three more children born in Provincetown, Salley, born 29 July 1784, Cate, born 10 June 1786, and Barnabas, born 23 August 1788,[18] who were not descendants of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

In the U.S. Census of 1790, Barnabas Briggs was listed as head of a family in Provincetown, Mass., consisting of one male over sixteen, two males under sixteen, and four females.[19]

On 22 May 1812 Barnabas Briggs of Boston, labourer, sold to Samuel Cook of Provincetown, merchant, for $20.00, "my house, being my late dwelling situated in Provincetown." Witnesses were Daniel Pease and Charles A. Brown, Suffolk [County], Boston. This deed was not recorded in the Barnstable County courthouse until 14 January 1829.[20]

Barnabas Briggs's third wife, Phebe (Miller) Briggs died in Boston in April 1821, aged 74 years.[21]

Elizabeth (Gorham) (Rider) (Riddell) Briggs did not have any children by her first husband, and only one child each by her second and third husbands. She left no probate records in her name.

Child (**Riddle**), by her second husband, Robert Riddle, born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[21]

i. **Elizabeth**[6], born 10 November 1761.

Child (**Briggs**), by her third husband, Barnabas Briggs, born on the Island of Nantucket:[22]

ii. **Phebe**, born 25 August 1771.

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483. **Desire Bunker**[5] (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 16 August 1741,[1] the daughter of Zachariah and Desire (Gorham) Bunker. She died on Nantucket 13 September 1801.[2]

Desire Bunker married first, on Nantucket 1 May 1766 **Eber Benthall**,[3] who was born on Nantucket in 1741,[4] but whose parentage has not been established. Eber Benthall probably died on Nantucket before December 1775,[5] the month of Desire's second marriage.

Desire married second, as Desire Benthall, on Nantucket (intentions) 24 December 1775 **Abner Coffin**, (Jr.),[6] who was born on Nantucket 11 November 1745,[7] the son of Abner and Phebe (Butler) Coffin. His first wife was Patience Russell by whom he had a son, Jonathan Coffin, who was not a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger John Howland.

No probate records have been found for Eber Benthall, Desire's first husband. Her second husband, Abner Coffin, Jr., of Sherborn, mariner, in his will dated 14 June 1777, probated 6 July 1782, gave his beloved wife, Desire, his dwelling house on Nantucket. He gave his son by his first wife, Jonathan Coffin, five shillings "lawful money." He bequeathed all of the remainder, nothing excepted, to his wife, Desire Coffin, and her heirs, in fee simple. His wife was named sole executrix. The witnesses were Frederick Folger, Andrew Bunker and Elizabeth Bunker. His will was acknowledged by Frederick Folger. Of the other witnesses, "one is deceased and the other not in the country."[9]

Child (**Benthall**), by her first husband, Eber Benthall, born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[10]

i. **Eber**[6], probably born about 1770.

Children (**Coffin**), by her second husband, Abner Coffin, born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[11]

ii. **Peter**, born about 1776.
iii. **Isaac**, born about 1778.
iv. **Phebe**, born about 1780.

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484. **Zachariah Bunker**[5] (*Desire Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 11 March 1744,[1] the son of Zachariah and Desire (Gorham) Bunker. He died before 1806.[2]

Zachariah Bunker married on Nantucket 1 January 1767 (intentions 11 mo. 1766) **Judith Folger**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 16 July 1750,[4] the daughter of William and Ruth (Coffin) Folger. Judith died on Nantucket 29 July 1831 or 1833.[5]

Zachariah Bunker was a mariner. On 7 September 1786, he appointed Tristram Hussey as his lawful attorney with full power to sell his dwelling house and land and all of his real estate on the Island of Nantucket. The sale to William Wotton was completed shortly thereafter.[6] It has been reported that "Zackary" Bunker commanded the whale ship *Africa*, sailing from the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia.[7]

A Judith Bunker over the age of 45 years was listed in the U.S. Census of 1810 and 1820, living in Nantucket,[8] suggesting that Judith (Folger) Bunker, widow of Zachariah Bunker, lived on Nantucket after the death of her husband.

No probate records have been found for this family.

Children (**Bunker**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[9]

i. **Sarah**[6], born 20 November 1768.
ii. **Moses**, born 24 December 1769.
iii. **Lydia**, born 19 February 1772.
iv. Child, born in 1774, died young.
v. **Robert**, born 30 March 1775, died young.
vi. Twin, born and died in December 1776.
vii. Twin, born and died in December 1776.
viii. **Peter**, born in 1780, died young.
ix. **Rebecca**, born in 1781, died young.
x. **Rebecca**, born 17 April 1788.
xi. **William**, born 2 June 1790.

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485. **William Bennet**[5] (*Ruth Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Middleboro, Mass., 24 June 1734,[1] the son of Cornelius and Ruth (Gorham) Bennett. He died in Middleboro 23 November 1809, in his 76th year, called "unmarried."[2]

In December 1773, William Bennet, "Jr.," of Middleboro, cordwainer, and his mother, Ruth Bennett, widow, sued his brother, Ebenezer Livy Bennett, Middleboro clothier, for £50, for lowering the level of a pond, causing William Bennett and his mother to lose the use of their grist mill from 10 October 1772 to 1 November 1773.[3] This mill had belonged to William's grandfather, Ebenezer Bennet, and then to his father, Cornelius Bennett, who died intestate. The mill had then been divided among his heirs, including his wife, Ruth (Gorham) Bennett, and all of his children.[4]

William Bennett, called yeoman, was a bachelor. In his will dated 1 November 1809, proved 1 January 1810, he gave his brother, Batchelor Bennet, "all of the money he is indebted to me." He gave his nephew, Philip Bennet, son of his deceased brother, Ebenezer Livy Bennet, all of the land he had inherited from his father, Cornelius Bennet, in addition to the land he had bought from his deceased brother, Silvanus Bennet. He mentioned "all the children or heirs at law of Silvanus Ling," son of his deceased sister, Theodate Miller, by her first husband, Thomas Ling. The Ling children were to receive their shares after the death of their father, Silvanus Ling. He named the other children of his brother, Ebenezer Livy Bennet as Zephaniah Bennet, Patience Bennet, Esther Bennet and Hannah Wilder, and the children of his brother, Batchelor Bennet, named as Cornelius Bennet, Ruth Silvester, Mary Francis, Abigail Jones, Priscilla Morton and Theodate Bennet. He named the children of his sister, Christiana Russell, as James Russell, Theodate Russell and Sally Russell, and the children of his deceased sister, Sally Wood, were named as Wilkes Wood, Esq., Gorham Wood, Horatio Gates Wood, Sally Haskel and Theodate Wood. He also listed Christiana Morton, daughter of his deceased sister, Theodate Miller. His friend, Isaac Thompson, was named sole executor. Witnesses were William Littlejohn, Abner Barrows, Jr., and Jacob Barrows. William's estate totaled $13,732.28.[5]

In addition, William Bennet set up a trust fund of ten shares in the Plymouth Bank for the care of his niece, Patience Bennet, the daughter of his brother, Ebenezer Livy Bennett, "during her natural life, on condition that she always have some discreet person as guardian to manage and take care of said stock for her use."[6] The residue of William Bennet's estate was finally distributed 28 May 1847, after the death of Patience Bennet. Equal shares were received by Cornelius Bennet, Ruth Silvester, Mary Francis, Abigail Jones, Priscilla Morton, Theodate Bennet, Zephaniah Bennet, Esther Bennet, Hannah Wilder, James Russell, Theodate Russell, Sally Russell, Wilkes Wood, Gorham Wood, Horatio G. Wood, Sally Haskell, Theodate Wood and Christiana Morton.[7]

William Bennet was never married and had no known children.

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486. **Ebenezer Livy Bennet**[5] (*Ruth Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Dartmouth, Mass., 17 February 1736/7,[1] the son of Cornelius and Ruth (Gorham) Bennett. He died in Rochester, Mass., 29 June 1806, in his 70th year, and was buried in the Old Parish Cemetery in North Rochester. His death was also recorded in Middleboro as Ebenezer "Levy" Bennet.[2]

Ebenezer Livy Bennet married, as his first wife, in Middleboro, Mass., before 1770, his second cousin, **Patience Bennet,**[3] who was born in Middleboro 16 September 1738,[4] the daughter of Ebenezer Bennet and his wife, Esther Tomson, a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Francis Cooke. Patience died in Middleboro, 11 November 1781, in her 44th year, called "dau. of Ebenezer & Esther & w. Eben. Levy."[5]

Ebenezer Livy Bennet married second, before 1802, **Elizabeth,**[6] who has not been identified further. Elizabeth died in Rochester 25 September 1820, in her 70th year, called "wid. of Ebenr Levi Bennet." She was buried with him in the Old Parish Cemetery, North Rochester.[7]

Ebenezer Livy Bennet was given the interesting middle name of "Livy" to differentiate him from the many other Ebenezer Bennets in the area, and to show that his parents were educated people who were familiar with the classics. The name has been recorded as "Levi" and "Levy." He served at least five times during the Revolutionary War from 1775 to 1778.[8] He was mentioned as "Ebenezer Livy" in the division of the estate of his father, Cornelius Bennet, dated 13 June 1767. His mother, Ruth Bennet, also mentioned him in her will dated 11 May 1792, proved 15 October 1792.[9] On 28 March 1794, Ebenezer Livy Bennet of Middleboro, yeoman, was declared non compos mentis, incapable of caring for himself, his family and his estate. His son, Philip Bennet, was appointed as his guardian.[10] Four years later, 9 November 1798, Philip Bennet, called "guardian of Ebenr Levy Bennet, late of Middleboro, now of Rochester, yeoman," presented his accounts.[11] On 14 November 1799, Ebenezer Livy's cousin, Nehemiah Bennet, replaced his son, Philip Bennet, as his guardian.[12] On 20 October 1802, Nehemiah Bennet's account contained an entry concerning a piece of Ebenezer Livy Bennet's property: "On his right in ye wood lot of his dec'd wife sold at vendue to his children" for $80.00.[13] This was property that had been inherited by his first wife,

Patience Bennet, from her parents, Ebenezer and Esther (Tomson) Bennet.

Ebenezer Livy Bennet's daughter, Patience, was also in the care of guardians. Her unmarried uncle, William Bennet, in his will dated 1 November 1809, bequeathed bank stock for her support and care during her life. Her brother, Jacob Bennet, was appointed as her guardian, 2 March 1810. On 31 May 1831 Jacob was replaced by Lemuel Briggs who submitted his final accounting 25 May 1847.[14]

Ebenezer Livy Bennet, late of Rochester, yeoman, died intestate. On 13 August 1806, his widow, Betty Bennet of Rochester, was appointed administratrix of her husband's estate. The inventory, taken 2 October 1806 and sworn to 6 November 1806 by Betty Bennet, widow, included real estate valued at $807.50, and personal estate of $182.61. The widow's dower was set off to her 10 November 1807.[15]

Children (**Bennet**), born in Middleboro, Mass.:[16]

i. **Esther**[6], born 28 April 1770.
ii. **Hannah**, born 22 July 1771.
iii. **Philip**, born 23 January 1773.
iv. **Jacob**, born 26 April 1774.
v. **Livy**, born in June 1776, died 17 December 1777, aged 1 year 5 months 26 days.
vi. **Deborah**, born 17 May 1778, died next day.
vii. **Patience**, born about 1780, died unmarried, 21 October 1846, 66 years of age.[17]

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487. **Christiana Bennet**[5] (*Ruth Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Dartmouth, Mass., 15 September 1739,[1] the daughter of Cornelius and Ruth (Gorham) Bennett. She died on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 18th 12 mo. 1794.[2]

Christiana married on Nantucket (intentions) 19 October 1771, as his third wife, **Samuel Russell**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 29 November

1734,[4] the son of Samuel and Huldah (Odar) Russell. Samuel had married first, Mary Jenkins, daughter of Thomas and Judith (Folger) Jenkins. He had married second, Abigail Worth, daughter of Jonathan and Ruth (Gardner) Worth.[5] Samuel Russell had no surviving children by his first two wives. He died on Nantucket 12th 1 mo. 1824, at the age of 89 years 2 months.[6]

Christiana was named in the division of her father's estate dated 13 June 1767, before her marriage to Samuel Russell. Her mother, Ruth Bennet, in her will dated 11 May 1792, proved 15 October 1792, called her "Christiana Russell."[7] Christiana's unmarried brother, William Bennet, made bequests in 1809 to her children, naming them as James Russell, Theodate Russell and Sally Russell. Her children also shared in the final division of William Bennet's estate in 1847.[8]

Christiana's husband was called "Samuel Russell, Jr.," when he loaned money to the Colonies during the Revolutionary War. This family was listed in the 1790 census, living in Sherburn (*sic*), Nantucket, with one male over 16, one male under 16, and three females. Many descendants of Samuel and Christiana Russell moved to Ohio in the early 1800s.[9]

Children (**Russell**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[10]

i. **Theodate**[6], born 1st 8 mo. 1773.
ii. **James**, born 11th 5 mo. 1776.
iii. **Sally**, born 18th 3 mo. 1778.

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488. **Batchelor Bennet**[5] (*Ruth Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born in Newport, R.I., 10 April 1742,[1] the son of Cornelius and Ruth (Gorham) Bennett. He died in Winthrop, Me., 7 March 1820, at 77 years of age.[2]

Batchelor Bennet married in Middleboro, Mass., 1 November 1764 (intentions 26 September 1764) **Mary Sampson**,[3] who was born in Plympton 10 April 1745,[4] the daughter of Ephraim and Abigail (Horrel) Sampson. She was a descendant of *Mayflower* passengers Captain Myles Standish and John Alden, but her Sampson progenitor was Abraham Sampson, not the *Mayflower* passenger Henry Sampson.

In December 1772 Batchelor Bennet served as a juror from Middleboro in the Court of Common Pleas for Plymouth County.[5] During the Revolutionary War he served in Capt. Abiel Pearce's 2d company, 19 April 1775; in Capt. Nathaniel Wood's company, Col. Ebenezer Sprout's

regiment, in May 1778; and in Capt. Jonah Washburn's company, Col. Ebenezer White's regiment in 1780.[6]

Before the Revolutionary War was over, Batchelor Bennet returned to Middleboro. In the Court of Common Pleas, April 1782, Batchelor Bennet, Middleboro yeoman, sued Jonathan Fuller for three notes dated 10 December 1781, "for 50 Silver Dollars," and again "for 50 Silver Dollars," and then again for "23 Dollars more (meaning Spanish Milled Dollars)." Judgement was affirmed in favor of Batchelor Bennet.[7] On the same date Batchelor sued his brother-in-law, Ebenezer Wood, for £85-6s. The defendant defaulted.[8] At the December 1783 court, Oakes Angier, Esq., of Bridgewater, sued Batchelor Bennet on two notes dated 5 July 1783 and 29 August 1783. This time it was Batchelor Bennet who defaulted.[9] In April 1785 Nathan Eddy of Woodstock, Vt., yeoman, sued Batchelor Bennet for a debt of £80. Batchelor pleaded "not guilty," but the court ruled the plea insufficient and found in favor of the plaintiff.[10] In April 1786 Batchelor Bennet appealed a judgement against him won by John Cotton, Jr., Gent., of Plymouth, for debt. The judgement was affirmed.[11] In January 1787 Joseph Crocker, Boston merchant, sued Batchelor on a note payable to Nathan Eddy and endorsed to the plaintiff. Batchelor defaulted.[12]

According to the "Catalogue of Members of the First Church of Middleborough," this Bennet family "moved to Vermont," but this is in error. They actually went to Winthrop, Maine.[13]

Batchelor's older brother, William Bennet, in his will dated 1 November 1709, proved 1 January 1810, bequeathed to Batchelor "all of the money [for which] he is indebted to me." William Bennet also mentioned Batchelor's children, naming them as Cornelius Bennet, Ruth Silvester, Mary Francis, Abigail Jones, Priscilla Morton and Theodate Bennet. These same children shared equally with their cousins in the final distribution of their uncle, William Bennet's estate, 28 May 1847.[14] Batchelor Bennet's children were also mentioned in the will of his younger brother, Silvanus Bennet, dated 21 June 1808, proved 16 March 1809.[15]

Children (**Bennet**), born in Middleboro, Mass., first four baptized in the First Congregational Church:[16]

i. **Cornelius**[6], born 12 August 1765, bapt. 31 October 1773.
ii. **Ruth**, born 15 September 1767, bapt. 31 October 1773.
iii. **Mary**, born 25 February 1771, bapt. 31 October 1773.
iv. **Priscilla**, born 1 May 1773, bapt. 31 October 1773; called "widow of Mordecai [Morton], dau. of Bachelor Bennet of Middleboro, d. in Bloomfield, Me., Nov. 6, 1852, aged 83 yrs." (*sic*).[17]
v. **Theodate**, born 27 June 1783.

vi. **Abigail**, called "Abigail Jones, dau. of Batchelor Bennet," in the wills of her uncles, William and Silvanus Bennet.

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489. **Sally Bennet**[5] (*Ruth Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was probably born in Middleboro, Mass., in 1747,[1] the daughter of Cornelius and Ruth (Gorham) Bennett. She died in Middleboro 23 October 1811, in her 64th year, "having survived all of her father's family, except one brother whom, with five Children, she has left to bewail her death." This brother would have been Batchelor Bennet of Winthrop, Maine. Sally was buried in Nemasket Cemetery, Middleboro.[2]

Sally Bennet married in Middleboro in 1767 **Ebenezer Wood**,[3] who was born in Middleboro 24 March 1735/6, the son of Ebenezer and Lydia (Lovell) Wood.[4] Ebenezer Wood died in Middleboro 13 February 1803, aged 66 years 10 months 19 days, and was buried in Nemasket Cemetery.[5]

Sally was called "Sarah Wood" in her mother's will dated 11 May 1792, proved 15 October 1793,[6] During the Revolutionary War, Ebenezer Wood served as a private in Capt. William Tupper's company, Col. Sprout's regiment, in 1776, and again in 1778.[7] In April 1782, Ebenezer Wood, yeoman, was sued for debt by his wife's brother, Batchelor Bennet.[8] In April 1803 it was Ebenezer Wood's turn to sue another brother-in-law, Elias Miller, Gentleman, the second husband of his sister, Theodate.[9]

Ebenezer Wood of Middleboro, yeoman, died intestate. His sons, Wilkes Wood, Esq., and Gorham Wood, Gentleman, both of Middleboro, were appointed as administrators of his estate, 13 April 1803.[10] Sally Wood, in her will dated 9 September 1811, proved 5 November 1811, gave her son, Wilkes Wood, "all my right and interest in and to that piece of land called Howland lot of which he is now in possession." She gave her son, Gorham Wood, a small strip of land lying on the Nemasket River near the River Bridge. She gave her daughter, Theodate Wood, "all the new part of my dwelling house." She also mentioned her third son, Horatio G. Wood, and her other daughter, Sally Haskell. Witnesses were Cyrus Keith, Thomas Pratt and Harvey C. Thomas.[11]

Sally's oldest brother, William Bennet, in his will dated 1 November 1809, proved 1 January 1810, mentioned "the children of my sister Sally Wood, namely Wilkes Wood, Esq., Gorham Wood, Horatio Gates Wood, Sally Haskel and Theodate Wood.[12] Sally's youngest brother, Silvanus Bennet, also mentioned Sally's children in his will.[13]

Children (**Wood**), born in Middleboro, Mass.:[14]

i. **Wilkes**[6], born 20 July 1770.
ii. **Gorham**, born 4 May 1774.
iii. **Sally**, born 29 October 1776.
iv. **Theodate/Theodata**, born 19 April 1779.
v. **Horatio Gates**, born 5 January 1789.

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490. **Theodate Bennet**[5] (*Ruth Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was probably born in Middleboro, Mass., 28 January 1751,[1] the daughter of Cornelius and Ruth (Gorham) Bennett. She died in Middleboro 18 July 1797, aged 46 years, 5 months, 20 days and was buried in the Cemetery at the Green, called "wife of Lieut. Elias Miller."[2]

Theodate Bennet married first, probably in Middleboro, before 1770, **Thomas Ling**,[3] who was born in Plymouth, Mass., 7 August 1748,[4] the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Macfun) Ling/Lyng. Thomas Ling died in Roxbury, Mass., 28 February 1776, "in the 28th yr. of his age, in the service of the American State."[5]

Theodate married second, probably in Middleboro after April 1777, **Elias Miller**,[6] who was born in Middleboro 7 January 1737/8,[7] the son of Elias and Sarah (Holmes) Miller. He was called "Lt. Elias Miller" when he died in Middleboro 10 May 1807, in his 70th year, and was buried in the Cemetery at the Green.[8]

Theodate was called "Theodate Miller" by her mother, Ruth Bennet, in her will dated 11 May 1792.[9] The first clue to the identity of Theodate's two husbands was found in Vinton's, *Giles Memorial*, which states that "Elias Miller m. widow Ling (?), sister of E. L. Bennet. No children." The "E. L. Bennet" mentioned here was Theodate's brother, Ebenezer Livy Bennet.[10] The second clue was found in Wood's *Middleboro Deaths*, in

which Theodate was called "Betty [in error for Daty], wife of Lt. Elias, dau. of G. [in error for Cornelius] Bennet from Nantucket, consumption, July 18, 1797, age 46 yrs. 5 mos. 20 days."[11]

Lt. Elias Miller was called "Elias, Jr.," when he served in the Revolutionary War from Middleboro, as a sergeant in Capt. Abiel Pearce's company of militia, April 19, 1775. Elias served under Lt. John Burrows in Col. Sprout's regiment in 1776, and as a 2d Lieutenant in Capt. Amos Washburn's company, Col Wade's regiment in 1778. In June 1780, he was enrolled in Capt. Abner Bourn's 2d company, Col. Ebenezer White's regiment.[12]

Although *Middleboro Deaths* states that Theodate's first husband, Thomas Ling, "died in the service of the American State," no record has been found. Thomas Ling of Middleboro, yeoman, died intestate. On 6 May 1776, his widow, Theodate Ling, was named administratrix of the estate. The inventory totalled £43-11-4¼ and was submitted 20 May 1776. An undated petition by Theodate Lyng (*sic*), administratrix of the estate of Thomas Lyng, "prayed for an allowance for the Widow and maintenance of two small children." The widow's account was accepted 7 April 1777.[13]

Theodate's second husband, Elias Miller, gentleman, in his will dated 9 May 1807, proved 21 May 1807, made bequests to his brother, Abraham Miller; to Elias, Zebulon and Isaac, Jr., sons of Isaac Cushman; to the three sons of Eliphalet Cushman, deceased; to Olive and Sarah Miller, daughters of his brother, Jacob Miller; to the widow Sarah Morton, daughter of Isaac Cushman; to Christiana Morton, "wife of Nathaniel Morton and daughter of my late wife Theodate Miller"; to his brother, Jacob Miller, and to Jacob's sons, Elias and Jacob Miller, Jr. He appointed his trusted friend, Isaac Thompson, as his sole executor.[14]

Theodate's brother, William Bennet, in his will dated 1 November 1809, named her children as Sylvanus Ling and Christiana Morton, "children of my sister, Theodate Miller, deceased."[15]

Children (**Ling**), both by her first husband, Thomas Ling, born in Middleboro, Mass.:[16]

i. **Christiana**[6], born 26 September 1771.
ii. **Silvanus**, born 11 June 1776 (posthumous).

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219, 266 (Thomas Ling/Lyng). 14. Ibid. #14013, 42:88-89, 241 (Elias Miller). 15. Ibid. 43:89 (William Bennet). 16. *MD* 31:188; *Middleborough VR* 1:195.

491. **Silvanus/Sylvanus Bennet**[5] (*Ruth Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was probably born in Middleboro 11 October 1754,[1] the son of Cornelius and Ruth (Gorham) Bennett. He died in Middleboro 28 February 1809,[2] in his 55th year, and was buried in the Cemetery at the Green.

Silvanus Bennet married a wife named **Mary**,[3] who has not been identified. Mary was born 4 December 1763[4] and died in Middleboro 26 January 1790, aged 27 years. She was buried in the Cemetery at the Green with the inscription, "Her infant lies buried by her side."[5]

Silvanus Bennet served in the Revolutionary War in 1775 in Capt. Joshua Benson's company, Col. Theophilus Cotton's regiment. He also served in Lt. John Barrow's 2d company, Col. Ebenezer Sprout's regiment in 1776, and again in 1778.[6]

In his will dated 21 June 1808, proved 16 March 1809, Silvanus Bennet of Middleboro, yeoman, made bequests to his brother, William Bennet; to his niece, Christiana Morton, wife of Nathaniel Morton, and to Silvanus Ling, "they being the children of my sister, Theodate Miller, dec."; to his brother, Batchelor Bennet; to his sister Sally Wood; to his nephew Jacob Bennet, son of his late brother, Ebenezer Livy Bennet, Jacob to pay certain sums to his three sisters, Esther Bennet, Patience Bennet and Hannah Wilder, wife of Nathaniel Wilder, Jr.; to his nephews Gorham Wood, Wilkes Wood, Esq., and Horatio Wood, and to his nieces Sally Haskell and Theodate Wood, all children of his sister, Sally Wood. He also made bequests to his nephew, Cornelius Bennet, son of his brother, Batchelor Bennet, he to pay certain sums to his sisters, Ruth Silvester, Mary Francis, Priscilla Morton, Abigail Jones and Theodate Bennet. He made a bequest to his nephew, James Russell, son of his late sister, Christiana Russell, late of Nantucket, deceased, on condition that he pay certain sums to his sisters, Sally Russell and Theodate Russell. He also mentioned his nephews, Philip Bennet and Zephaniah Bennet, sons of his brother, Ebenezer Livy Bennet. He appointed his friend, Isaac Thompson, Esq., as his sole executor. The inventory of the estate amounted to $12,268.89.[7]

Silvanus Bennet left no surviving children.

Child (**Bennet**), born in Middleboro, Mass.:[8]

i. Infant, stillborn, 25 January 1790.

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492. **Eunice Fitch**[5] (*Deborah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 12 September 1736,[1] the daughter of Beriah and Deborah (Gorham) Fitch. She probably died in Guilford, N.C., after November 1792, the date she was mentioned in her husband's probate records.[2]

Eunice Fitch married on Nantucket 9 January 1755 **Benjamin Barnard,**[3] who was born on Nantucket 30 July 1735,[4] the son of Timothy and Mary (Bunker) Barnard. Benjamin Barnard died in Guilford, N.C., before November 1792, the month his will was probated.[5]

Benjamin Barnard was a cordwainer. On 11 March 1758 Benjamin purchased from Benjamin Folger and his wife, Judith, a one-sixth part of two-thirds of a dwelling house and the land on which it stood in Sherborn, Nantucket, being part of the estate of Benjamin's father, Timothy Barnard, deceased. Benjamin Folger's wife, Judith, was Benjamin Barnard's sister. Witnesses were Abishai Folger and Jonathan Bunker.[6]

Benjamin and Eunice Barnard and some of their children moved from Nantucket to North Carolina in 1773.[7] They were Quakers.

In his will dated "seventh day of the ninth month 1792," probated in Guilford County during November 1792, Benjamin Barnard gave his wife, Eunice, all of his estate, both real and personal, as long as she remained unmarried. Otherwise she was to have only one-third of it. At her death, their son, Timothy, was to have £8 worth of livestock, one-fifth of the household furniture and all of his father's wearing apparel. Benjamin gave his sons, Libni, Frederick, Shubael and Elisha the remaining land, equally divided among them, and all of the remaining livestock, equally divided, provided they took care of their sister, Eunice, who was born an idiot. He gave his other daughters, Mary, Lydia, Lucinda and Matilda, one-fifth of the household furniture each. He named his wife Eunice and son Libni as executors of his estate. Witnesses were Stephen and Abigail Gardner.[8]

Children (**Barnard**), born in Sherborn, Nantucket, Mass., and Guilford, N.C., all mentioned in their father's will:[9]

i. **Elisha**[6].
ii. **Eunice.**
iii. **Frederick.**
iv. **Lucinda.**
v. **Libni,** born in 1764.

vi. **Lydia.**
vii. **Mary.**
viii. **Matilda.**
ix. **Shubael,** born in Guilford, N.C. in 1777.
x. **Timothy.**

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493. **Lydia Fitch**[5] (*Deborah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 13 November 1738,[1] the daughter of Beriah and Deborah (Gorham) Fitch. She died on Nantucket in October 1804.[2]

Lydia Fitch married on Nantucket 20 May 1762 **Simon Glover,**[3] whose parentage has not been ascertained. Simon Glover died in the West Indies 10 September 1777.[4]

On 23 November 1786, Lydia (Fitch) Glover, widow, with her sister, Parnel (Fitch) Whippy, purchased from their mother, widow Deborah Fitch, for £21, the dwelling house and land in Sherborn that had belonged to their father, Beriah Fitch. The deed was witnessed by Charles Folger and Stephen Hussey, and was recorded on Nantucket 25 November 1786.[5]

In the U.S. Census of 1790, Lydia Glover was listed as head of a family in Sherburn Town, Nantucket, consisting of three females.[6]

On 25 September 1790, Lydia Glover, widow, spinster, with her sister, Parnel Whippy, sold to William Rotch of Sherborn, merchant, for £3-3s a piece of land in the north half of the 26th fish lot. The deed was witnessed by Charles Folger and Peleg Coffin, Jr., and was recorded 13 March 1791.[7] On 31 July 1802, Lydia Glover of Nantucket, widow of Simon Glover, late of Nantucket, mariner, deceased, sold for $300.00 to Benjamin Flagg of Nantucket, shipwright, all of her "Right, Title & Interest" in the house situated in Nantucket "Standing on the Twenty Sixth fish lot share so Called," that her father, Beriah Fitch built "and Derived to me from him and is the Compleat West half of the house." This deed was witnessed 31 July 1802 by Isaac Coffin and Abigail Gurrell, and was recorded August 2. 1802.[8]

No probate records have been found for either Simon or Lydia Glover.

Children (**Glover**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., order uncertain:[9]

i. **Benjamin**[6], born 6th 9 mo. 1766.
ii. **Ezekiel**, died in the West Indies 6 November 1796.
iii. **Jemima**.
iv. **Reuben**, born 25 November 1774.
v. **Phebe**, born 26th 9 mo. 1778 (*sic*).
vi. **Rachel**.

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494. **Jonathan Gorham Fitch**[5] (*Deborah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 3 September 1740,[1] the son of Beriah and Deborah (Gorham) Fitch. He died on Nantucket 3 February 1814.[2]

Jonathan Fitch married first, on Nantucket 4 February 1762 **Elizabeth Coffin**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 3 March 1741,[4] the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Stratton) Coffin. Elizabeth died on Nantucket 11 October 1795.[5]

Jonathan Fitch married second, on Nantucket 5 April 1798 **Eunice Bunker**,[6] who was born on Nantucket 5 November 1743,[7] the daughter of Paul and Hannah (Gardner) Bunker. Eunice died on Nantucket 23 February 1825.[8]

Jonathan Gorham Fitch is said to have been the first child on Nantucket with two given names. He was a house carpenter. On 1 October 1765, Jonathan Gorham Fitch paid £2-13-4 to his wife's sister, Judith Coffin, spinster, for land in Sherborn "derived" from Zephaniah Coffin. The deed mentioned Judith and Elizabeth's father, Daniel Coffin.[9] On 31 July 1781, Jonathan and six others recorded a deed which stated that they owned a well dug by David Ray.[10] On 14 June 1806, Jonathan paid $100 to Joseph Davis, mariner, for Davis's dwelling house.[11]

In the U.S. Census of 1790, Jonathan G. Fitch was listed as head of a family in Sherburn Town, Nantucket, consisting of two males over 16, three males under 16, and five females.[12]

On 25 April 1808, Jonathan and his second wife, Eunice, sold "land in Nantucket called New Town, in the West Monomoy Share Number Eleven," which they owned with Hezekiah Bunker, Richard Macy, Simeon Macy, Reuben Hussey and Phebe, his wife, all of Nantucket, and Paul Macy and Dinah Macy, acting for the heirs of Dinah Macy, deceased, late

of Nantucket, wife of Silvanus Macy, late of Nantucket but now of Athens in the County of Columbia, in the State of New York, trader.[13] In a deed recorded 16 July 1810, Jonathan Gorham Fitch and his second wife, Eunice, sold land in Newtown for $41.13 to William Chadwick, Jr., mariner.[14] On 13 May 1811, Jonathan Gorham Fitch, housewright, and Eunice, his wife, sold to their daughter Lydia Gardner, wife of Samuel Gardner, deceased, for $400 their one-half interest in a dwelling house, land, barn and shop which was formerly the property of Eunice's father, Paul Bunker, blacksmith, deceased, who had willed the property to his daughter, "now Eunice Fitch."[15] On 20 July 1811, Jonathan sold land in Nantucket to Jonathan Morris, Jr., mariner, for $850.[16]

In his will dated 29 January 1814 and accepted for probate 3 March 1814, Jonathan Gorham Fitch mentioned his well-beloved [second] wife, Eunice Fitch, who was to continue to live in the dwelling and his daughter, Elizabeth Fitch, who was to have her father's clock and one-fifth of his real estate after his wife's death. He divided the remaining fifths to each of his sons, Beriah Fitch, Jonathan Gorham Fitch and Daniel Fitch, and to the children of his deceased daughter, Lydia Gardner. His widow, Eunice Fitch, and his "son-in-law" [nephew], Benjamin Glover, were named as joint executors. Witnesses were Daniel Barney, James Coffin, Esq., Phebe Hussey and Lydia Fitch.[17]

On 23 May 1816, two years after the death of Jonathan Gorham Fitch, his widow, Eunice Fitch, with Paul and Dinah Macy, for $51.90, sold to Zenas Coffin, son of Micajah and Priscilla Coffin, land which had descended to them from their mother and grandmother, Hannah Bunker, wife of Paul Bunker, deceased.[18] On 26 August 1819, Eunice Fitch received $30.88 from Francis Brown, Collector of the Proprietors Taxes, which was the remaining amount left after the sale of "29½ sheep commons," from which was deducted three year's back taxes for 1816, 1817 and 1818, and the expenses of the sale, amounting to $16.24.[19]

Children (**Fitch**), born on the Island of Nantucket, all by his first wife, Elizabeth Coffin:[20]

i. **Hephzibah**[6], born 18 September 1762; moved to Hudson, N.Y.; not mentioned in father's will.
ii. **Lydia**, born 1 August 1764.
iii. **Shubael**, born 10 June 1767; not mentioned in father's will.
iv. **Lucinda**, born 8 August 1769; not mentioned in father's will.
v. **Beriah**, born 27 November 1771.
vi. **Elizabeth**, born 11 June 1774, died young.
vii. **Jonathan Gorham**, born 28 July 1776.
viii. **Daniel**, born 21 January 1779.
ix. **Frederick**, born 20 January 1782; not mentioned in father's will.

x. **Elizabeth**, born 1 July 1786.
xi. **Eunice**, born 24 March 1789; not mentioned in father's will.

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495. **Pernal/Parnel Fitch**[5] (*Deborah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 17 May 1742,[1] the daughter of Beriah and Deborah (Gorham) Fitch. She died on Nantucket 6 June 1815.[2]

Pernal Fitch married on Nantucket 13 January 1763 **Samuel Whippy**,[3] who was born about 1743,[4] the son of James Whippy and an unknown first wife. Samuel's father, James Whippy, married second, 4 January 1749 Susannah Coffin,[5] who was born 7 September 1731, the daughter of Robert and Susannah Coffin. She would have been too young to have been the mother of Samuel Whippy, and her marriage date was too late. Pernal's husband, Samuel Whippy, probably died before 25 September 1790,[6] the date Pernal was called "spinster," meaning unmarried, when she sold land in Nantucket without her husband being mentioned.

On 2 February 1770, Samuel Whippy, for love and affection, was given four pieces of land and meadow in Sherborn, Nantucket, by his father, James Whippy, a weaver.[7] On 20 April 1772, Samuel Whippy, chairmaker, sold to Enoch Ray, cooper, a piece of land in Sherborn being in the Thirteenth Lot or Share of that Division of land called "the Fish Lot Shares."[8]

On 25 November 1786, Pernal Whippy, with her sister, Lydia Glover, purchased for £21 from their mother, Deborah Fitch, widow and executrix of the will of Beriah Fitch, the dwelling house and land in Sherborn that had belonged to their father, Beriah Fitch.[9]

Samuel Whippy died intestate, probably before 25 September 1790, the date his widow joined her sister, widow Lydia Glover, also called spinster, in selling land to William Rotch, merchant, for £3-3s.[10] Samuel Whippy did not sign the deed with Pernal as he would have done, had he been living.

Parnel Whippy was listed in the U.S. Census of 1790 as head of a family living in Sherborn, consisting of two females. On 9 June 1792, Pernal Whippy, widow, for £60, sold to Daniel Black, shipwright, one-half of a

dwelling house in Sherborn, on Fish Lot Share no. 26, it being the house that her father, Beriah Fitch, had built.[11] On the same day, Pernal Whippy, widow, bought from Daniel Black, shipwright, a building on the 21st lot of South Beach for £60.[12]

Parnel Whippy of Sherborn was named as the administratrix of Samuel Whippy's estate in Sherborn, 6 February 1794. Christopher Hussey, Esq., Charles Folger and Samuel Barker, Jr., were appointed the same day to appraise the estate. The inventory amounted to £18-11-3 and was returned 19 March 1794. The widow's dower was set off to Pernal Whippy 5 June 1794, during her natural life, "being a tenth part of the land where his father, James Whippy's house stands, now occupied by Nathaniel Whippy."[13]

In a deed dated 22 September 1794, Pernal Whippy, spinster and administratrix of the estate of her late husband, Samuel Whippy, chairmaker, deceased, sold land in Sherborn for £1-16s to Paul Coggeshall, sailmaker.[14] On 9 December 1805, Parnal Whippy sold property to Simeon Coffin, barber, for $200, a building and land in the twenty-first lot in the South Beach Division, on Nantucket.[15]

No probate records were found for Pernel/Parnel Whippy.

Children (**Whippy**), born in Sherborn, Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[16]

i. **Mary/Polly**[6], born 14 October 1763.
ii. **Christiana**, born 29 September 1772.

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496. **Phebe Fitch**[5] (*Deborah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 8 June 1744,[1] the daughter of Beriah and Deborah (Gorham) Fitch. She died after 30 December 1784,[2] the date of her father's will.

Phebe Fitch married first, on Nantucket (intentions) 3 January 1767 **Thomas Turner**,[3] whose parentage has not been found.

Phebe married second, on Nantucket 8 November 1774 **John Burns**,[4] who has not been identified.

Phebe was called Phebe Burns by her father, Beriah Fitch, in his will dated "30 twelfth month 1784," and proved 4 November 1785.[5]

No children have been found for Phebe by either of her husbands. No probate records have been located, either.

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497. **Lucinda Fitch**[5] (*Deborah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 19 September 1746,[1] the daughter of Beriah and Deborah (Gorham) Fitch. She died after 1791, according to Henry Barnard Worth in his "Nantucket Genealogies."[2]

Lucinda Fitch married on Nantucket 20 May 1765 **John Squires**,[3] who was called "the brother of David Squires of Long Island."[4]

Beriah Fitch, Lucinda's father, called her "Lucinda Squires" in his will dated 30 December 1784.[5]

Nothing further has been found for this family. It is possible that they lived elsewhere and raised a family, even though the death of their unnamed child was recorded on Nantucket three years after their marriage.

Child (**Squires**), probably born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[6]

i. Unnamed child, died 26 September 1768.

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498. **Reuben Fitch**[5] (*Deborah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 21 June 1750,[1] the son of Beriah and Deborah (Gorham) Fitch and a twin with his brother, Shubael, who died young. Reuben died on Nantucket 28 April 1793.[2]

Reuben Fitch married on Nantucket 29 June 1775 **Margaret/Peggy Ramsdell** of Sherborn,[3] who was born on Nantucket (no date given), the daughter of John and Rachel (Swain) Ramsdell.[4] Margaret died on Nantucket 7 November 1781.[5]

No children were recorded on Nantucket for this family.[6] Further proof that Reuben and Margaret Fitch probably were childless is found in the administration of the intestate estate of Margaret's parents, John and Rachel Ramsdell. In their probate records dated Sherborn, 9 December 1790, no mention was made of their daughter, Margaret Fitch, or of any of her children. In the division of their estate dated 10 March 1792, the heirs of John and Rachel Ramsdell were named as James Ramsdell, John Ramsdell, William Ramsdell, Sarah Wirick and Eunice Clark, "they being all of the children and heirs at law unto John Ramsdell . . . and also heirs at law unto Rachel Ramsdell, their mother."[7]

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499. **Puella Fitch**[5] (*Deborah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., about 1752,[1] the daughter of Beriah and Deborah (Gorham) Fitch. She died in Cayuga County, N.Y. about 1827.[2]

Puella Fitch married first, on Nantucket 7 July 1774 **Benjamin Pearce/ Pierce,**[3] whose parentage has not been ascertained. A Benjamin Pearce, possibly this one, was the captain of a ship wrecked at the Vineyard, 26 December 1778, on which William Gorham[6] (*Isaac*[5-4], *Jabez*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) of Bristol, R.I., served as a crewman and was drowned.[4]

Puella, called "Puella Pierce," married second, in Lebanon, Conn., in January 1783 **James Newcomb,**[5] ("Newkum" in Lebanon church records). James Newcomb was born in Lebanon 28 May 1756,[6] the son of James and Submit (Downer) (Davis) Newcomb. James Newcomb died in Petersburgh, Rensselaer County, N.Y., 13 February 1813.[7] He was a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Governor William Bradford.

Puella was called "Puella Newcomb" in the will of her father, Beriah Fitch, dated 30 December 1784.[8] James Newcomb, her second husband, was a farmer.[9] He served in the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Bunker Hill under General Putnam in 1775 and as a private and corporal in the Connecticut Line until 1780.[10]

This family lived in Willington, Conn., where their first child was born before they moved to Stephentown, N.Y., the birthplace of the next three children. The last five were born in Petersburgh, N.Y.

In the U.S. Census of 1790 for Stephentown, Albany County, N.Y., James Newcomb was listed as the head of a family with one male over 16, four males under 16 and two females. In the 1800 census he was listed as the head of a family living in Petersburg, Rensselaer County, N.Y.[11]

Children (**Newcomb**), all by her second husband, James Newcomb, first born in Willington, Conn., next three born in Stephentown, N.Y., last five born in Rensselaer Co., N.Y.:[12]

i. **James**[6], born 23 June 1783.
ii. **Gorham**, born 10 August 1785.
iii. **Lothrop**, died young.
iv. **Cromwell**, born 6 May 1790.
v. **Lydia**.
vi. **Sally**.
vii. **Leonard**, died young.

viii. **Hiram**, born about 1802.
ix. **Puella**, died young.

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500. **Deborah Fitch**[5] (*Deborah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., in October 1755,[1] the daughter of Beriah and Deborah (Gorham) Fitch. She died in Weymouth, Mass., 23 October 1844.[2]

Deborah Fitch married first, on Nantucket 7 July 1774 **William Wheeler**,[3] who was possibly the son of William and Thankful (Rider) Wheeler who were married in Yarmouth, Mass., 12 July 1753 (intentions 5 May 1753).[4] William Wheeler died before 1778,[5] the year Deborah married her second husband.

Deborah, called "Mrs. Deborah Fitch Wheeler," married second, about 1778 Dr. **James Torry**,[6] whose birth was recorded in Ashford, Conn., 27 May 1752,[7] the son of James and Sarah (Nash) Torrey of Weymouth, Mass. Dr. James Torrey died in Weymouth, 16 December 1817.[8]

No records have been found for William Wheeler, Deborah's first husband, and no children were recorded for them in Nantucket records.

Deborah's second husband, James Torrey, served as a surgeon in the Revolutionary War. He lived in Ashford and Lebanon, Conn., before moving to Weymouth, Mass., in 1783.[9] This family was recorded in the U.S. Census of 1790, living in Weymouth, Suffolk County, Mass., where James Torry was listed as the head of a family consisting of one male over 16, two males under 16 and three females. In the U.S. Census of 1800, James was listed in Norfolk County, Mass. In the 1820 Census widow Deborah Torrey was listed as head of the household.[10]

In a deed signed 8 April 1803, James Torrey purchased from Moses and Samuel Orcutt of Woodford, Bennington County, Vermont, yeomen, for $300, a farm of about 36 acres, with a house and barn, previously the estate of Andrew Orcutt, deceased. Witnesses were Noah Torrey and Benjamin Derby.[11] On 19 January 1806, James Torrey, physician, recovered damages against John Thomas amounting to $15.43 and $10.67 in costs. On 19 February 1806, for lack of payment, the court transferred

the ownership of a three acre piece of land in Weymouth from John Thomas to James Torrey. One month later the same piece of land was sold to Ebenezer Francis Thayer.[13]

In his will dated 9 December 1817 and recorded in Dedham, Norfolk County, Mass., 6 January 1818, James Torrey of Weymouth, Physician, gave to his beloved wife, Deborah, all of his household furniture and the improvement of one-half of his real estate. After her decease, all of the estate was to be divided equally among his two sons and five daughters, named as James Gorham Torrey, Reuben Torrey, Sally Bates, wife of Elijah Bates, Susan Merritt, wife of Amos Merritt, Nancy Torrey (single-woman), Lucinda Blanchard, wife of Edward Blanchard, and Lavinia Burrell, wife of Reuben Burrell. The eldest son, James Gorham Torrey, was appointed as the executor. Witnesses were Eliphalet Loud, Benjamin Derby and Noah Torrey.[14]

On 6 May 1825, the dower of Deborah Torrey was set off to her from the estate of James Torrey, late of Weymouth, deceased, and was sold by her son, James G. Torrey, and his wife, Susannah, for $200 to Eliphalet Loud, Noah Torrey and the estate of Benjamin Derby, gentleman of Weymouth.[15]

Children (**Torrey**), all by her second husband, James Torrey, first born in Lebanon, Conn., second born on the Island of Nantucket, the remainder born in Weymouth, Mass.:[16]

i. **James Gorham**[6], born 17 January 1779.
ii. **Sarah**, born 23 August 1783.
iii. **Susannah**, born 10 November 1785.
iv. **Beriah Fitch**, born in October 1787, died 7 August 1788.
v. **Reuben**, born 3 April 1789.
vi. **Nancy**, born 10 September 1790.
vii. **Belinda**, born in January 1792, died 3 March 1799.
viii. **Lucinda**, born 4 June 1793.
ix. **Lavinia**, born 25 March 1795.

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501. **Jedediah Fitch**[5] (*Deborah Gorham*[4], *Shubael*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]) was born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., 2d 12 mo. 1762,[1] the son of Beriah and Deborah (Gorham) Fitch. He died in the ship *Reaper*, 16 August 1821.[2]

Jedediah Fitch married on Nantucket 26 May 1785 **Lydia Coffin**,[3] who was born on Nantucket 9 November 1766,[4] the daughter of Richard and Abigail (Gardner) Coffin. Lydia married second, as his third wife, on Nantucket 3 March 1824 **Paul Gardner**,[5] who was born on Nantucket 4 December 1755,[6] the son of Paul and Rachel (Starbuck) Gardner. Paul Gardner had married first, on Nantucket 30 March 1786, Sarah Mitchell[7] (*Rachel Hussey*[6], *Sarah Gorham*[5], *Stephen*[4], *John*[3], *Desire*[2] *Howland, John*[1]). Sarah Mitchell was born on Nantucket 14 June 1765, the daughter of Jethro and Rachel (Hussey) Mitchell.[7] Paul Gardner had married second, on Nantucket 8 April 1807 Zerab Spooner.[8] Lydia died in Salem, Texas, 8 August 1836,[9] when Texas was still part of Mexico, before Texas had declared its independence.

Jedediah Fitch was only twenty years of age when he was captured by the British during the Revolutionary War. His name was listed among the 8,000 prisoners held in the infamous prison ship, *Old Jersey*.[10]

In a deed made in 1791, Jedediah Fitch was called "of Sherborn, mariner." In 1795 he was identified as "of Nantucket, mariner." In 1797 he was a "yeoman." By the 1800s he was called "trader" as often as "mariner." Jedediah Fitch was the captain of the whaling ship, *British Tar*, registered from the port of London, and also spent some time among the Nantucket men who tried to build a whaling industry centered in the port of Dunkirk, in France, and was captain of the ship, *Friends*, which sailed out of Dunkirk. Jedediah returned to Nantucket and was elected as a representative to the United State Congress for four years, from 1809 through 1812.[11]

In the U.S. Census of 1790, Jedediah Fitch was listed as head of a family living in Sherburn Town, Nantucket County, consisting of one male over 16, one male under 16 and one female. In the 1800 census his household had one male and one female between the ages of 26 and 45. In the 1810 and 1820 censuses, both he and his wife were over 45 years of age.[12]

Jedediah and Lydia Fitch bought or sold at least sixteen parcels of land between 1791 and 1814, including land Lydia had inherited from her grandfather, Andrew Gardner.[13]

Jedediah Fitch of Nantucket, trader, in his will dated 22 August 1812, proved 5 July 1821, gave the whole of his estate both real and personal, to his beloved wife, Lydia Fitch, her heirs and assigns. He also appointed Lydia as his sole executrix. No surviving children were mentioned.[14]

Child (**Fitch**), born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass.:[15]

i. "Child of Jedediah," died 16th 2 mo. 1791.

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